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These are busy days in the Tibor Berk home for this year's Passover has taken on new meaning for the Berk family. Tibor Berk has been reunited with his 73-year-old father after a separation of 27 years and the Seder nights will be especially joyous for that reason. Moishe Berkovich and his wife and two daughters came to Toronto from Russia last August.

This will be their first Passover observance in Canada. Here the two families listen as Moishe reads from the Haggadah. Seated left to right, Miriam Berkovich and her mother, Brana; Moishe Berkovich, Tibor Berk. Standing, left to right, Ezra and Renee Lwowski, Allan and David Berk, Devorah Berkovich, Larry and Elise Berk. (Gadi Hoz Photo)

After 27 years, a Downsview man and father to have Seder together

By ESTHER MEHR
TORONTO-

Passover this year will be an especially joyous occasion for the family of Tibor Berk in Downsview. After 12 years of what seemed like hopeless futile efforts, Tibor is at last reunited with his 73-year-old father Moishe, whom he hadn't seen in 27 years.

The elder Bercovich arrived in Toronto last August with his second wife Brana and their two daughters, Miriam, 21, and Devorah, 17, from their home in Carpathian Russia which was part of Czechoslovakia before the war. Like most happy stories, this one has a hitch. They had to leave two sons behind. The government flatly refused permission for the sons to leave. Both are professionals--the younger one still attends university where he is completing an engineering course.

To Tibor, a men's wear salesman, his wife Elise, and their four children, having Moishe and his second family here is a dream come true.

"You know how we Jews say 'next year in Jerusalem.'" Elise said in a CJN interview last week. "Well in our house it was always 'next year may we all be together for the Seders.'"

The newcomers are still overwhelmed by the abundance of the good things of life in Canada. The two girls who speak fluent Yiddish, asked to be questioned in English which they've mastered surprisingly well in the short time they have been here.

"In our village we had no synagogue," Miriam said, "so my father set aside one room in our house where other Jews could come to worship. We even had a Torah. The authorities didn't approve, but for some reason, they did nothing about it."

A university graduate, Miriam had the impressive title of Inspector of Culture back home. It was her job to travel throughout the district and report on the state of cultural activities in towns and villages. She hasn't decided what she will do here. Devorah attends Beth Jacob High School. Both say they see little difference between young Jews here and in Russia. The only difference I have seen," Miriam said, "is in the freedom of living like a Jew openly with pride."

In Russia the Bercovich family always observed Passover, even though it was difficult to get proper foods. When matzohs were unavailable, they made their own.

The pre-World War II Bercovich family consisted of the parents and six children. Only the father, Tibor and a sister who lives in New York, survived. In 1946 Tibor went to the Yeshiva in Marienbad with the intention of becoming a rabbi. He came to Canada in 1948, found he had to earn a living and has been a successful salesman ever since.

But the Orthodox background remains strong and the four Berk children are steeped in Yiddish and Hebrew. Renee, who recently married, is a graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools and plans to become a Hebrew teacher. The three boys also attend Associated. Larry, a Grade XI student, placed second in the Bible contest two years in a row.

Tibor and Elise agree that this Passover would have been like all the others had it not been for the concerted efforts of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service. "JIAS really triggered the whole thing. We tried on our own, but got nowhere," Tibor said. "We can never thank them enough for making all this possible."

Needy Canadians in Israel will receive financial aid from non-campaign funds

Gordon Brown

MONTREAL-

A unique program of encouragement and financial assistance to Canadians who have settled in Israel has been announced by Gordon Brown, national president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Interviewed along with Sol D. Granek, director-general of the Israel Office of the UIA of Canada, Brown revealed that the plan had been evolved and piloted over the past 12 months and that already some 100 Canadians in Israel have been financially assisted in different ways.

"At the outset," the national president said. "I must make it clear that the help we are giving to Canadians in Israel comes from non-campaign funds.

"The help which we are disseminating through Mr. Granek's office in Jerusalem is based on a philosophy which those who are close to the 'settlement in Israel' scene have evolved over the past several years, particularly with respect to immigrants from Canada.

"For Canadians," he continued, "most times aliyah is somewhat of a shocking experience. It is not only a question of language change or a change in physical surroundings... the social environment and the economic climate changes as well, many times drastically. Canadians, already used to one of the highest standards of living in the world, cannot compromise when it comes to the type of accommodation or housing ordinarily available to them in Israel today.

"A number of Canadians--individuals and couples--have very little monetary resources when they come into the country. Once they are settled, the very process of carrying on day-to-day life in a country which has great economic difficulty, brings about personal problems which they are hard-pressed to solve financially.. problems of a personal nature which can lead to discouragement and ultimate disenchantment with Israel.

"Our program of assistance is actually four programs in one and at its basic philosophy lies the desire to help every needy Canadian in his effort to sink personal roots into and build his and his family's future in the Jewish state. I must emphasize the word 'needy.' Truly, this is the key to whom we are in a position to help and to how much assistance we can give."

Director-General Granek explained that the special program divided itself into four categories: a mortgage fund, a business and professional loan fund, a small loan fund and a grant to students fund.

"The housing situation in Israel," Granek said, "con-

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Dr. Ephraim Katchalsky chosen Israel president

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL
JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

The fourth president of Israel is Dr. Ephraim Katchalsky, 57, elected Tuesday to succeed Zalman Shazar who retires next month. He was the overwhelming favorite in Israel's first contested election.

Dr. Katchalsky

A world renowned biophysicist, Dr. Katchalsky promptly changed his name to Katzir, which is Hebrew for harvest, on learning of his election. He will be sworn in May 23.

There are some who know him well who wonder whether, for all their personal familiarity with the man, the Labor Party establishment was quite aware of what it was about when it endorsed Abba Eban's nomination of Professor Ephraim Katchalsky as its candidate for the presidency.

Aside from his international standing as a biophysicist, a recognized world leader in the study of proteins and man's never-ending struggle against destructive bacteria, he is also a deep-thinking, highly-concerned citizen of Israel, far from happy with the current state of its society and the standard of its ethics.

Born in Kiev in 1916, he was brought to Palestine at the age of nine and is, in every respect that matters, a product of the Yishuv having been educated at the Hebrew University and grown to scientific maturity in the laboratories of the Weizmann Institute and the service of the state.

His work, both as a researcher and a senior adviser to the defence establishment, of which he was chief scientist in the period immediately preceding the Six Day War, has brought him into almost daily contact with the country's top political and military leaders. But it has also served to shield him from exposure to the public at large and it is only over the coming months that they will discover for themselves the real nature of the man.

They will find someone who is deeply affected by and worried about the great spiritual problems of the times and their impact on the individual human being, a man who can look back now, one year after the murder of his equally brilliant scientist brother, Professor Aharon Katzir in the Lod massacre, and confess that at that moment "I sided with all my heart and soul with those who sought revenge."

But even at that moment, he has since recalled, "I knew that the Jewish nation could not act in this way and that there are times when the evil instinct in man drives out the good."

The question of ethics, particularly Jewish ethics and their Israeli context, is something which exercises Professor Katchalsky constantly and crops up in his every public remark. He is

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Strongest words ever

Goren hits Reform Judaism as a 'destroyer' of faith

NETANYA (JCNS)-

Using the strongest words ever against Reform Judaism as a religious movement, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, said here last week, he would never engage in dialogue with the Reform movement, but would strongly oppose their organization in Israel.

Addressing the annual national conference of British settlers here, Rabbi Goren was obviously stung by questions from the audience on the possibility of a dialogue with Reform and Conservative Judaism and the right of Jews to worship in their own manner. He had assumed the audience was made up of mainly traditional Jews in the Orthodox sense.

Rabbi Goren said that as individuals every Reform Jew would be welcomed in Israel with love and without questions on his antecedents. "But Israel does not need spiritual imports from the United States or anywhere else. Israel is capable of providing spiritual guidance to the entire world.

"Jerusalem is the centre of our spirit. Torah came out of Jerusalem not from New York or Cincinatti," he said.

When Reform rabbis came to Israel, Rabbi Goren continued, they would be welcomed with love as Jews "but when they come to establish a spiritual movement or a new religion we do not need it. We do not need new denominations here or an importation of the spirit. Israel is capable of providing spirit to the entire Diaspora."

Rabbi Goren agreed that "there is discrimination against movements which intend to change and destroy the Jewish religion" and alleged there were 200 Reform rabbis in the United States conducting mixed marriages without the slightest element of conversion of the non-Jewish partner.

"This is Judaism? They are destroying Judaism altogether," he said.

Earlier addressing a session on **The State and Religion**, Rabbi Goren argued that freedom did not mean everyone had the right to do whatever he wanted. Jewry's charter to Israel was the Bible, "without it (the Bible) all of us are invaders and aggressors. The moment we declare we are not obliged to live according to the Bible we cut off the branch we live on."

Veteran Israeli actor will star as Othello at Stratford Festival

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent
TEL AVIV-

"Nahum Buchman is one of the best 'Othellos' I've ever seen, either in Israel or in Europe," said Tzvi Rosen, theatrical co-ordinator of the Habima Israeli National Theatre.

"He is one of the three best actors in Israel today. When he steps onto the stage one can really believe in him."

Obviously, English director David William thought so too, for he chose Buchman, 55, to play Othello in the Shakespeare Theatre production in Stratford, Ontario. William was artistic director at "Habima" here for a time and met Buchman during the visit.

Consequently Nachum Buchman is now on a six month leave of absence from the Israel National Theatre and when he returns he will have added another to his long list of successes.

(Buchman will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. I.N. Grosfield, Bamboo Grove, Don Mills, during the Seder celebrations. He is Dr. Grosfield's cousin.)

"When Nachum came here before World War II," said Rosen, "it was very difficult to get into Habima. The old founders who came from Moscow took in very few youngsters indeed. But Nachum joined the studio--a kind of theatre workshop--near Habima which was run by the great actor/director from Moscow, Tzvi Friedland.

"After playing a few bit parts, Nahum managed to get taken on for **The Dybuk** the play which was the trademark of Habima. When the management let a trainee actor play in that, it was a sign that they had a certain amount of faith in his future ability."

Buchman proved that he was a capable and very talented actor.

Shortly afterward he took the lead in the first truly original Israeli play, Ashman's **HaAduma HaZot** (This Land).

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Price increases cause Passover headaches

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

With Passover only a few days away, Israeli housewives are encountering chaotic conditions in supermarkets and groceries, stemming from recent price hikes on a wide variety of basic foods and other goods.

They are finding many items even higher than the government's announced ceilings while others have been pulled off the shelves in anticipation of new price rises.

Among the commodities that have gone up in price are many that are in heavy demand for Passover. These include poultry, beef, flour and flour-based foods such as noodles, cakes and a variety of sugar-based products.

The ministry of commerce has promised there would be no shortages for the holiday. But the holiday will be the most expensive for Israelis in many years.

There is a severe shortage of cigarettes and other items, mainly because of a dispute between producers and middlemen. The latter claim that the new price lists have reduced their income by several tenths of a per cent and refuse to supply the stores.

A 'Rip-off' In Reverse

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

There is a certain risk in snatching handbags in Tel Aviv.

A young man who tried it in the doorway of a Dizengoff Street block of flats last week was not only severely beaten by the 70-year-old woman he tried to attack--he also had his trousers ripped off.

The man made off in his underpants in a car driven by an accomplice, but both were later picked up by the police.

Nachum Buchman

Cabinet vetoes land sales

JERUSALEM (JTA)-

Israel's cabinet has decided against permitting Israeli firms or individuals to buy land in the administered territories. The cabinet acted on the matter at a three-and-a-half hour session during which the principal proponents of free land purchases in the territories--Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and Justice Minister Yaacov Shin shon Shapiro -- withdrew their proposals to legalize such transactions.

Dayan, Shapiro and Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig who had a similar proposal, reportedly backed down at the urging of Premier Golda Meir. Mrs. Meir had said categorically that she would not support proposals to change the existing situation.

The cabinet's decision was seen as a blow to Gen. Dayan who has been taking his advocacy of free land purchases by Israelis to the public in recent weeks.

Student paper accuses Jewish agency of censorship

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief
MONTREAL-

Hevra, a radical newspaper edited by students at Hillel, published a four-page issue last week, without financial support from the Allied Jewish Community Services agency because "we consider censorship of any kind unacceptable," a spokesman said.

The newspaper, which is printed sporadically four times a year, published an article by pro-Arab **McGill Daily** Editor Nesar Ahmad. A Pakistani, Ahmad has published frequent anti-Zionist editorials in the university newspaper.

In his article, he viewed Zionism as "an extension of the West and as an outpost for Western imperialism" and said if "Ben-Gurion evoked the image of the conquistadores and Weizmann that of the colons, Eban evokes that of the Yankees in Latin America."

Editorial board spokesman Arnold Bennett said they decided to run the story for the purpose of "free and open debate, since to be anti-Israel and anti-Zionist does not mean to be anti-Semitic. It's not right to tar the two things with the same brush."

"We decided to run the article by Ahmad. Herb Wienstein (Hillel Director) told us to take it out, and we told him to get stuffed." Bennett said the students agreed to pay for the issue out of their own pockets if necessary, but **The McGill Daily**, curiously, footed the bill.

Hillel Executive Director Herb Wienstein said the editorial board broke a "social contact" where he and a Hillel Board President Merle Frankel, would become members of the editorial committee. This policy was adopted three months ago by the students after they published stories which irked Montreal community leaders.

"I disagree quite strongly with publishing Ahmad's article, and quite frankly, I pulled rank," Wienstein said. "Sometimes you have to make individual decisions like this. As a former countryman of mine once said "the buck stops here." "

Wienstein said he and Mrs. Frankel were invited to two editorial board meetings, but the meetings were cancelled. He wasn't notified about the issue until it was at the printers waiting for publication.

"They didn't call us down to discuss the matter, and I couldn't see the rush to publish **Hevra**. It wouldn't have made any difference if it was delayed in order to allow more time for discussion.

"**Hevra** isn't a vehicle for Jewish self-hatred, its goal was to be an organ of diverse opinion open to the entire Hillel community. It wasn't as if Ahmad had never had a platform for expression, and I wouldn't have objected if the pieces were written by a Palestinian."

The present issue of **Hevra** is the straw that broke the camel's back for the Hillel administration, since the organization was the centre of stormy criticism earlier in the year from leaders at Congress, AJCS, and the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression.

In one issue, community leaders objected to Hillel staff members writing for the paper, especially one story entitled "exploitation of the Jewish communal worker." Editorial board members say the paper is designed for anyone who submits articles, and that all stories are published.

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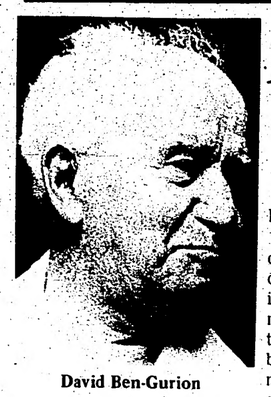

David Ben-Gurion

Former premier's illness not serious

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

A specialist from Beersheba Hospital said last week that nothing serious was wrong with former Premier David Ben-Gurion who is ill at his Sde Boker home.

Dr. A. Lehman, the hospital's chief internist, was summoned to Sde Boker by Ben-Gurion's private physician to examine the 84-year-old elder statesman.

Ben-Gurion fell ill last month while vacationing in Tiberias and was hospitalized for a day. Dr. Lehman said his complaints stemmed from the same cold that he suffered in Tiberias and that he should be well again in a few days.

Director warns Key 73 leaders

NASHVILLE—

Christian leaders, especially those who head the current nationwide evangelical drive known as Key 73, must recognize that any attempt to convert large numbers of Jews constitutes a negation of the 4,000 years of suffering and martyrdom experienced by the Jewish people, as well as the Jewish belief in God's covenant with Abraham, a noted rabbi says.

Addressing a unique inter-religious conference of Catholics, Southern Baptists and Jews, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, National Interreligious Director of the American Jewish Committee stated:

"The Jewish people stakes its existence on the truth and validity of the Covenant made by God with those whom He has elected. For the Jewish people to be told that its Covenant has been abrogated or replaced is in fact to tell us that our 4,000 years of testimony and human existence has been a lie. Our Christian neighbors must face forthrightly the implications of this conversionary attitude towards Judaism and the Jewish people."

Rabbi Tanenbaum described over-zealous proselytizers as "virtually ignorant of the spiritual richness, the piety, and the liturgical power" of Judaism, and urged the leaders of Key 73 to issue a "policy statement that takes into serious account the profound biblical claims regarding the Jewish people."

The three-day meeting of scholars and religious leaders of the three faiths was sponsored jointly by the Department of Interfaith Witness of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention; the Secretariat for Catholic - Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville; and the Inter-religious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, and the Jewish Federation of Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Borders of peace

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan indicated what Israel's borders would be if a general peace settlement was reached in the Middle East at this time.

"Jerusalem will be divided no more nor will Nathanya be endangered from the East," he told a meeting of the organization of civilian employees of the armed services.

Two attractive brides, Hava and Michal--both members of Kibbutz Huliot-Sde Nehemia -- get "launched into happiness" across the Jordan River by a friend and former classmate on the kibbutz, Shimon. (EL-BAZ)

Keen interest in Jewish learning establishes all-time high in Japan

TOKYO (JCNS)-

Jewish studies in Japan continue with maximum interest and intensity. Two volumes of Professor Gershom Scholem's **Judaica** have just been translated by the young and talented Professor Takao, and a volume of Sholem Aleichem stories will soon be issued, with more to follow.

A young musicologist published a study of synagogue music and cantillation, and interest is being shown in young Israeli writers. NHK, the national television network, is currently showing a six-part series on Jewish life around the world.

In addition, the Society of Jewish Studies in Japanese has prepared a catalogue of all works about Jews published during the past 100 years. Perhaps, most surprising of all, is a school-teacher in rural Japan, who has received a government grant to study and analyze the rabbinic period.

Another scholar, Professor R.S. Hasekawa, has concluded a sociological study of the Lubavitch movement.

On the other side of the coin, Nahaum Stiskin, son of an American Orthodox rabbi and himself a graduate of Yeshiva University and Brandeis University, has just published a study of Shinto, the native Japanese religion, entitled **The Looking-Glass God**.

Hands-off policy is advocated by Meir on U.S. amendment

TEL AVIV (JTA)-

Premier Golda Meir said here that Israel's attitude towards the basic freedom of Soviet Jews to emigrate transcends the Jackson Amendment which is an internal affair of the United States. She said the current controversy over the amendment was a matter for the U.S. to solve.

Mrs. Meir answered questions at a press luncheon here Friday. She also expressed skepticism at press reports that U.S. Defense Secretary Elliot Richardson had said the U.S. was restraining the delivery of certain modern weapons to Israel to prevent increased tension in the Middle East and to avoid an arms race. Mrs. Meir said she could not imagine that the defense secretary would publicly contradict her own statements on U.S. arms supplies.

The premier said that she had not mentioned any particular type of weapons or any quantities in reporting on her talks with U.S. officials in Washington last month. "I did say that agreement had been reached in principle on the supply of certain important items while other types of weapons were still under discussion."

Mrs. Meir said in reply to other questions that no settlements were established in the administered territories except by explicit decision by the government. She said the Allon plan for the West Bank, though submitted to the cabinet, was neither rejected nor approved and therefore cannot be regarded as a guideline to government settlement policies in the territories.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan called recently for a policy of free transactions in the administered territories so that Jews could purchase land there "with the free will of the sellers." Mrs. Meir said Dayan's proposal was on the cabinet's agenda and therefore she would not comment on it.

Arab agitators make deep inroads in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA)-

Pro-Arab propaganda is making steady inroads in Brazil in the form of articles in small town newspapers and inexpensive pamphlets sold in bookstalls and in university bookstores.

The articles in the newspapers are subtle, without the cliches and verbal paroxysms that mark similar articles in the American and European press. They deal with issues such as the role of women in Arab society, the contributions of Arabs to the Brazilian economy and intellectual life, the political and economic development of Arab workers. These stories, written in a simple and straightforward manner, are geared toward a working class readership.

The pamphlets, equally well-written, deal with the aspirations of the Palestinian people, the aims of Arab liberation, and depict Israel and Zionists as oppressors and Gestapo - like individuals. These pamphlets are sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to $1, almost free of charge compared to other pamphlets of comparable numbers of pages, quality of printing and layout. They are evidently subsidized and thus are almost being given away.

Young Jews, especially on campuses, are exposed to them, especially as there are no comparable pro-Israel or pro-Zionist pamphlets. The Zionist material available is written in a heavy style and is usually too expensive for the students. A recent issue of **Opiniao**, an intellectual news-magazine, was devoted to the Middle East situation.

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BUSINESS

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Station cancels program on Jews for Jesus theme

NEW YORK (JTA)-

The management of WPIX-TV announced recently that it had cancelled **Les Crane Reports on Jews for Jesus**, a program that was scheduled to be broadcast at midnight on March 29. The management of the television outlet, owned by **The New York Daily News**, refused further comment.

The program, produced by Beth Shar Shalom, an affiliate of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, which purchased the broadcast time, had been widely advertised. A quarter-page advertisement in **The New York Times** urged viewers to watch the show to find out "what's behind this movement sweeping the country, particularly among the youth." The reference was to the "Jews for Jesus" movement. Les Crane, who made the filmed report, was formerly a late night talk show host on local channels.

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of the American Jewish Committee's interreligious affairs department, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that WPIX had informed him of the cancellation after the program was screened at its studios March 28 for representatives of Jewish organizations.

Rabbi Tanenbaum called the station's decision "a commendable action entirely consistent with the FCC's regulations requiring that programs must be "in the public interest." He said WPIX had "properly evaluated this program as one that is not in the public interest."

WPIX was reportedly inundated with telephone calls protesting the program when the ad appeared in the **Times**, though by them it had already announced the cancellation. Rabbi Tanenbaum said that he and others who viewed the show found it to contain "an invidious defamation of Judaism as a living religion and of the Jewish people as a vital historic community." He said it contained blatantly offensive statements, such as describing the synagogue as "a place of sadness filled only with weary old men."

If Golda is out, Dayan is choice

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

If Golda Meir does not wish to continue as premier after the general election in October, 35 per cent of Israelis would like to see Moshe Dayan, the defence minister, take over in her place.

This is shown in the results of a survey conducted for the JCNS by Rafael Gill, director of Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd.

Apart from the 35 per cent who chose Dayan, 24 per cent favored the deputy minister and minister of education Yigal Allon, to succeed Mrs. Meir; 14.2 per cent wanted Abba Eban, the foreign minister; 11.1 per cent preferred Pinhas Sapir, the finance minister; 4.6 per cent made other suggestions; and 11.1 per cent said that they had no preference.

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Ottawa butchers taking holidays

From our Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA–

The great North American meat boycott will get additional support from the Ottawa Jewish community in April, but not because housewives are rebuffing Passover meat purchases; the butchers are taking a holiday.

This year, Ottawa's two kosher butchers mailed out notices to all their customers informing them that meat purchases will have to be ordered before Monday, April 16. The two butchers, curiously, are closing during the same time period.

When they heard of this development, Ottawa's Vaad ha Kashruth, fearing the Jewish community would suffer unnecessary hardship, met with storeowners to request a reconsideration of their closing dates.

"The butchers will be closed during the eight days of Passover," reported Kashruth Supervisor Rabbi Jacob Cement, "but they will not be closed from April 13 to 30 as they originally planned."

After several discussions, the butchers changed their original plans to stay closed for three weeks, and instead they will follow the same closing dates as last year.

"They wanted to stay closed during those three weeks," explained Rabbi Cement, "because they wanted to give their workers vacation time in April rather than during the summer."

Rabbi Cement added that on the day before Passover, and on the following day after, fresh meat would not be made available to kosher butchers in any case.

The 8,000 member population need not fear having no kosher meat during Passover because there is no emergency. One of the butchers will be in town, and if someone phones for an urgent order I'm sure the butcher will comply."

The rabbi, who has been with the Ottawa Jewish Community Council for 24 years, said there have been only a few complaints about the butchers being closed during Passover.

At one point discussions arose on the feasibility of opening kosher meat stands in the large Ottawa supermarkets. "But I don't think this will happen, since, to be Kashruth, a supervisor has to be on the premises, and the supermarket has to be closed on Saturday.

"However, one of the kosher butchers is planning a big move to new quarters, and he will have a self-service counter with sliced meats and chickens.

Sam Maislin is ready for Montreal's March to Israel trek this Sunday to celebrate Israel's silver anniversary. As general chairman of the event which is expected to attract more than 5,000 adults and youngsters, Maislin is ready to set an example by leading off the march. It will be a 25-kilometre walk, one kilometre for each of Israel's 25 years of statehood. Special stations have been set up along the route and each walker will have his "passport" stamped as proof of his walking prowess. All traffic will be halted.

Defensible borders favored over guarantees from U.S.

VANCOUVER–

From the standpoint of security, Israel should rely more on defensible borders than guarantees of support from the United States, a leading American political broadcaster said here recently.

"President Nixon says that security can be based on guarantees and that the U.S. won't allow the Soviets to wipe out Israel," Martin Agronsky told a United Jewish Appeal Top Gifts dinner. "But despite these guarantees it is Israel's survival that is at stake and only Israel can make the decision that determines whether it lives or dies."

Agronsky, who works out of Washington for Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), said he still has faith the United States would honor its guarantees "but Israel can't be sure and Israel must be the guarantor of its own survival."

He said Israel needs the U.S. to keep the Soviets at arms length but that the country does not want its survival dependent on the Americans who must think of their own well-being first.

"Israel feels it would be bad and dangerous for both itself and the United States if the U.S. were put in a position where it was forced with going to war to defend Israel."

He added that the U.S. was understandably reluctant to engage in any more confrontations--particularly with the Soviets--after their experience in Vietnam.

Agronsky told the assembly at the Bayshore Inn that history had proven to Israel the folly of relying too much on another country. He cited the 1956 Suez crisis as an example.

"In 1956 Eisenhower and Dulles promised that if Israel withdrew from its advances against the Egyptians--made by Israel in response to the UAR blocking the Suez Canal and Straits of Tiran--then the U.S. would use force and would generally stand behind Israel if similar circumstances occurred again," said Agronsky.

Eleven years later, in 1967 when the UAR again blocked the Straits of Tiran, Agronsky said, promises of help made earlier went unfulfiled.

"The United States, the French, the United Kingdom, the United Nations--when their pledges were called on by Israel to be honored, those pledges were ignored," he said.

And now, today, he concluded, "Israel trusts U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers. But trust is one thing and survival another."

Given free rein

Youngsters express ideas about Israel

HAMILTON–

Local youngsters had a chance recently to show what Israel means to them by taking part in a Young People's Art Show celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre Fine Arts Committee, the show was held April 8 at the centre in co-operation with the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Beth Jacob and Temple Anshe Sholom Hebrew and religious schools and the community centre. Participants ranging in age from four to 17 were invited to express in any medium of their choice their feelings and ideas about Israel.

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Non-Jews are given insight into Jewish traditions

By WILF GEROFSKY

HAMILTON–

If you were trying to convey the warmth, beauty and sanctity of Jewish home life to a group of interested non-Jews, how would you get your message across?

Well, of course, you could tell them about it... but if in addition you could let them see a sample of it, and taste a bit of it, and feel the warmth of it, you'd probably be a lot more successful.

And seeing, touching, and tasting a slice of Jewish life, as well as hearing about it is the way a group of B'nai B'rith women in Hamilton get the message across in an interfaith effort that is strikingly effective.

Over the past year they have presented their "Festival Tables" display for dozens of church groups and school classes, and the success of their efforts is demonstrated by the rapt attention paid to the presentations, and the gathering round to taste Jewish delicacies and ask questions when they are through.

I attended one of their shows the other evening. It was done for a church ladies' group at Grace Lutheran Church in Westdale. Six tables had been set up, typical of those in a Jewish home at Passover, Chanukah, Succoth, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashonah and at the Shabbat.

Each table had been set with fine linen, silver candelabra. Foods and wine appropriate to each festival had been prepared and laid out with care. Kiddush cups, spice boxes, shofars and menorahs were all in place. The women responsible for each table sat at the he of it.

The commentator, Pam Sniderman began. She described each table in its turn, telling something of the essence of the holiday that inspired it. As she spoke, the women rose and displayed the foods and objects, acted out the prayers, lit the candles, recited the blessings. A soloist, Honey Chertkoff, sang songs appropriate to each holiday in turn.

The candles flickered to life, and a soft glow filled the room. The Hebrew prayers alternated with the commentator's description, a narrative that never talked down to its audience, but always assumed an intelligent level of religious knowledge.

Pesach, the Passover plate, matzoth and wine; freedom from tyranny, new beginnings. Succoth, the etrog and the lulav, thanksgiving. Rosh Hashonah the apple dipped in honey, the shofar pertinence. Shabbat, kindling of the candles, singing of Kiddush and Hamotze blessings, moving and impressive. "More than the Jews have kept the Sabbath, the Sabbath has kept the Jews." And so it went.

When it was over, the ladies of the church group gathered round the tables to ask questions, and to taste the latkes, the gefilte fish and the chalah. It had been a learning experience on many levels.

Rev. Hase thanked Nancy Langsner, Jeanine Sternberg, Esther Woolf, Jean Vertlieb and Rose Cohen, the ladies who had prepared the festival tables. He reminded his congregants that it was Jewish tradition that underlay all of their own beliefs.

My Bat Mitzvah age daughter, Linda summed it all up as we left the hall.

"It made me proud to be a Jew, dad."

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Is our Golda really going to stay or is she truly going to retire?

Women's Lib is not big in Israel, despite the fact that sitting in the No. 1 seat of government is Golda Meir. Golda herself is reported to have sniffed disdainfully when asked recently what she thought of the movement as it exists in North America. To sum it up, she doesn't think much of it.

One of the characteristics that is said to be almost wholly a feminine one, is the so-called inability of the female of the species to make up her mind. This is vehemently denied by the proponents of women's lib who hint that it is all part of the male plot to belittle them and to picture them as weak and indecisive.

What does Mrs. Meir say about that? Well, it isn't known whether she has made her views public, but at this stage we should examine Mrs. Meir's record for decisive action. Not her political record, of course. Her performance as prime minister, in the face of awesome external and internal problems, has been magnificent. Nothing indecisive about that. But in the realm of personal decision, that's another kettle of gefilte fish. About a year ago, she was quoted as saying, she would retire from office in mid-1973. She amplified this later by saying she wanted to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. Let someone else take over the cares of office. Then, a few months later, the press ran front page stories that Golda was reconsidering and maybe, just maybe, she would stay on, if the people wanted her.

But on her recent trip to Washington, she told newsmen she was going to retire, come what may, and stories to the contrary were so much guff, or words to that effect. So, Golda, is definitely, undeniably going to call it a day. Soon it will be goodbye, Golda, bless you and keep well and have nuchas from your grandchildren.

And that should be the end of the story, and our attention should go to the intriguing subject of her successor. Is Finance Minister Sapir going to get Golda's job? Will Moshe Dayan decide he wants it, thereby throwing the country into a tizzy?

But wait, don't close the door on Golda Meir. She is speaking on a television program. What is she saying? If her Labor Party insists, she says, that she continue in office, well she will have to postpone indefinitely her retirement and continue carrying the burdens of premiership.

Considering that the Labor Party has been going down on bended knees begging Golda to continue as No. 1, ever since word leaked out that she planned to retire, it is passing strange that at this point in time she should "discover" that her party loves her so much it doesn't want to part with her.

And that's where the matter stands at this moment. But is there going to be another chapter in the Golda Meir story? Is the on-again going to be off-again? We don't know, and neither, we think, does Golda.

Role of U.S. is to consolidate no-war dimension in Middle East

President Nixon denoted February as "the month of the Middle East." In quick succession, Jordan's King Hussein, Egypt's "Kissinger" Hafez Ismail, and Israel's Golda Meir met with the president in an exercise of high and quiet diplomacy.

Officially, the talks were described as "useful and positive." There is nothing to indicate from the formal pronouncements, however, that the parties are any closer to an understanding as a result of their separate sessions in the Oval Room.

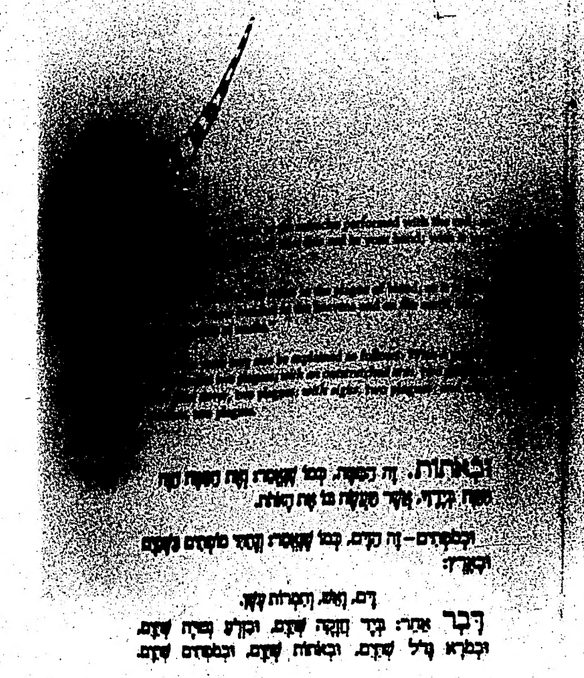
The chances of their being so would have been immensely enhanced had the Arab and Israeli parties deliberated together, rather than air their differences through the president. Yet the very fact that Israel, Jordan and Egypt have all considered it important to come to Washington to state their cases at the highest level is a measure of the authoritative role America might play in advancing the peace process. Indeed, America has, in a sense, become the sole arbiter, the single world power to which all the principal Mideast parties are willing to address themselves. This in itself is an impressive Washington diplomatic success.

For all its influence, Washington has no intention of allowing itself to become committed as an involved party and be physically drawn into the dispute thereby. The administration is embarked on a more sophisticated and wiser course. What it seeks is to create that kind of a political climate and conditions that will bring the parties together somehow to hammer out their differences themselves with a minimum of U.S. involvement. To achieve this, Washington wishes to serve first as a defuser of the military tensions, and then as a bridge for a political accommodation in slow measured steps.

The elementary condition for diplomatic movement is the continued maintenance of the ceasefire between Egypt and Israel. With this in mind, Washington has decided, correctly, to move ahead with its tested policy of maintaining that kind of an arms balance in the Middle East that will make all-out war a very unattractive proposition. This has been the thinking for three-and-a-half years now, and it has helped produce a ceasefire along the Suez Canal—the major battle front of the region—that is impressively stable. So long as the ceasefire holds, the door to a political settlement between Egypt and Israel (with Jordan hopefully not far behind) remains open.

The administration view is this: The three-and-a-half year ceasefire has demonstrated that the alternative to peace is not necessarily war. Between the two, there are various degrees of non-fighting and it is the U.S. immediate goal, as a first real step to peace, to consolidate the no-war dimension by making the current ceasefire even more unbreakable. The instrument for this is to get the Suez Canal open and operating under Egyptian control, thereby creating an Egyptian vested interest in preserving the ceasefire indefinitely. Washington wants Israel and Egypt to negotiate such a local Suez arrangement as an interim step to full peace negotiations. This not overly ambitious American diplomatic strategy would require Israeli pull-back from the Canal, thereby allowing the Egyptians to clear and operate the waterway and bring about a disengagement of the opposing forces. If this happens, Egypt would have back its major economic asset, the Israelis would have carried out an act of withdrawal, the ceasefire would be immeasurably strengthened, and the diplomatic door opened that much wider for a further stage of negotiation leading to a final overall territorial settlement.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president, American Zionist Federation, in a review of Middle East prospects.



A recent Haggadah from New York by Mark Podwell describes Jewish struggle and Exodus. At lower right the locust plague is depicted on the barrel of a rifle. With drawings in black and white, it is distributed nationally by Canadian Jewish Congress.

A winter to remember

Farmers suffer when freak weather cuts deeply into fruits and vegetables

By RUTH SELIGMAN
JERUSALEM-

Weather-wise we had an extraordinary winter this past year.

First, we had two weeks of the coldest spell Israel can ever recall. This was then followed by a heat wave of drought and gorgeous sun which enchanted the tourists and frightened the farmers. This freak weather was followed by out-of-season middle of March rain storms of such intensity that our street flooded within five minutes rather than the usual 20. However, it was the two weeks of cold which was the most memorable, the coldest spell since the state was founded. Our silver anniversary and the frost was not just on the pumpkin, but on every crop—oranges, apples, bananas, tomatoes, potatoes. Name it and there was damage.

The cold provided us with fuel for conversation—with all acquaintances, at every level, on every occasion. My neighbor was very concerned about the avocadoes which suffered extensive damage from the unusual and constantly recurring nightly frost. Even when the spell broke we had unusual weather—warmish days but bitter-cold nights—so the crops got no respite.

Reports indicated that most of the export crop of avocadoes was damaged. As a consequence, I envisioned a surplus on the local market. Experience has taught me that the best in every area, from food products to knit suits, goes abroad and that the local citizenry makes do with the less superior of the goods—made or grown. Actually, doesn't every good housewife give the family the cake that fell and save her masterpieces for company? On the national scale our exports reflect this same consideration for the palate and taste of the stranger.

The intense cold gave our annual debate as to the advantages of under-the-tile heating to under-the-rafters installation an importance that was more than just theoretical. We were not being unfaithful to our long-burning, ever-smoking kerosene heater, called a Fireside stove although it bears little resemblance to the remembered warmth and glow of the good wood-burning fireplace of my youth. We were just facing reality. Change the wick as often as possible, clean it even more frequently than recommended, it still had an odor that disturbed and the logical outcome of only heating the room in which it was situated.

Faithful as we were to our heater, we were also aware of the dangers of leaving it burning, unattended. Therefore, we always turned the fire down before leaving the house. Our return, then, to a cold damp interior had me walking around the house, the first hour home, in the same coat, boots, scarf and gloves which I had worn outside. I was usually colder than I had been outside.

My husband generally solved the arrival problem by his own personal interior system of downing a good shot of whiskey—without ice, soda or any diluting additive which might decrease the heat and or pleasure that was generated. I resorted to hot coffee, but there is a limit to how much coffee and whiskey the constitution can stand.

Our little electric heaters which we plug in gave instant warmth—to a postage-stamp radius of two inches front and side. They were ineffective during the cold spell, as was the Fireside. More serious efforts seemed indicated. Extensive research, that is visits to those whose homes bore semblance to civilization and where chattering teeth were seldom heard, convinced us that it was time to install central heating.

However, the day we went into the city to make the final arrangements for the installation of the central heating apparatus was so hot and oppressive that it seemed the height of folly to be spending so much money on a winter that was almost over—it seemed—before it had begun. We cancelled our order, although there were some days in March that we then doubted the wisdom of that move.

It is spring now. The birds are on the wing, the buds are bursting through. It will soon be so warm that conversation will veer to the pros and cons of air-conditioners in a climate where every home has cross-ventilation, thick walls to keep out the heat and stone tiles to give you chilblains in the winter and pleasure in the summer.

Bar Mitzvah view draws reader's ire

Dear Editor:

I cannot resist the temptation (somewhat tinged with frustration) to take issue with Mr. David Woolf of Willowdale and his letter in the last issue of **The CJN**. Also, for that matter, with your own supporting editorial.

I do not know the respected gentleman. His letter, however, is couched in the distorted extremes necessary to make a distorted point, and it draws a familiar silhouette. That of the self-appointed who, through their identification with Jewish fund-raising, have donned a special "shchina" which they pugnaciously wear as they sit at the right hand of God advising him in matters of morals and ethics. And it does get a little tiresome.

To find cause and effect between a lavish bar mitzvah and our kids turning to Zen, Jesus, communes and drugs, is the reasoning of an unreasonable mind. Mr. Woolf is recommending a form of "conduct" censorship—to be applied by rabbis and synagogues and, I quote: "that rabbis and synagogue leaders will no longer prostitute themselves for the extra dollars of synagogue revenue that these desecrations of holiness generate." Pretty strong stuff, eh?

I do not think it is immoral for synagogues to seek fitting and proper sources of revenue that might lessen the dues burden on their membership. The concept that "it must hurt to be meaningful" is usually subscribed to by those who manage to go through life relatively pain-free. And it is equally fitting and proper to encourage synagogue members to live their joys as well as their sorrows within the synagogue.

Furthermore, how each person manifests his or her joy or sorrow is, surely, their own business—reflecting only the degree of good or bad taste that patterns all other facets of their life-style. Ostentation is very much a relative term and, like pornography, is very difficult to define. Only the Woolfs of this world arrogantly undertake to define it—for others.

Human motivations are very deep and personal things. Yes, even a "lavish" bar mitzvah can bespeak a prayer of thanks "L'zman Haza" for the individual who may have much to be thankful for. Or, it can reflect the yearning of the ordinary mortal for a bit of spotlight once or twice in an ordinary life—opportunities that are afforded only through the blessing of children—when he can stand in front of peers and relatives and say "share in my happiness."

Tom Brown
Willowdale, Ontario

Good times come to Druze

By MOSHE RON
CJN Israel Correspondent
GOLAN-

The situation of the four Druze villages on the Golan Heights has changed considerably since the Six Day War. They now enjoy great economic prosperity in comparison with the time they were under the regime of Syria.

The number of private cars, tractors, new houses and apartments, has increased considerably. Before, the Druze had to really look for work and were often forced to go as far as Damascus to find it.

Today, 60 per cent of the inhabitants are working in Israel, earning well and enjoying life with the help of the Histadrut. About 400 of them took professional training and were granted the same wages and conditions as Israeli laborers.

In spite of improvements in standards of living, it cannot be said that the Druze of the Golan villages are as faithful to Israel as their brothers in Israel. There are 30,000 Druze living in Syria and among them are many relatives of Druze living on the Golan Heights. Among the Druze living in the Golan villages are many whose sons are studying at Syrian universities, and who were allowed to send them financial assistance. No doubt Syria intelligence puts pressure on these students from the Golan to advise their parents to co-operate with the Syrians.

A year ago, Sheikh Kanush was arrested by the Israeli authorities, as a suspect, for co-operating with Syrian intelligence and furnishing them with security material. During recent years, cases were detected of Druze crossing the border to Syria and co-operating with Syrian espionage.

It is not difficult for Syrian intelligence to find collaborators under present circumstances. Some Druze on the Golan extend hospitality to Syrian emissaries by letting them stay at their homes overnight, buying Israeli newspapers for them and doing other services for them. They do not inform the Israeli authorities of these activities. They are afraid of the Syrians and therefore try to co-operate with them.

The Druze on the Golan are "between hammer and anvil." They do not know to which country they will belong as citizens tomorrow. They are afraid to keep their money, and invest their earnings in building new apartments and houses.

The younger generation is even more dissatisfied. They complain about discrimination. They are not allowed to study at universities in other Arab countries as the Syrians and others might use them for espionage purposes against Israel.

Guest Editorial

The historic exodus of our ancestors from Egypt has its modern counterparts

By DR. ALEXANDER BROWN

For over 30 centuries, from the very dawn of national self-recognition, the spring festival of Passover has been celebrated by the Jewish people beginning with the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nissan. In 1973 at the Seder table, we shall be repeating the Hebrew words of the Haggadah, words which would have been understood by our ancestors on the night of the exodus from Egypt. This family festival and its attendant ritual is an affirmation of the continuity of Jewish life and the uninterrupted flow of Jewish history.

Passover has come to symbolize the deliverance of Israel from bondage and its subsequent liberation both physical and spiritual. The message of this festival of freedom is deeply embedded in the psyche of Israel, and has shaped its character from the very beginning. Its importance may be gauged by the fact that the rabbis have inserted a reminiscent phrase on the exodus from Egypt into the daily prayers and into the Kiddush which is recited not only on Passover, but also on the Sabbath and other holidays.

Isaac Abrabanel, in his 16th century commentary on the Haggadah poses the question: What benefit have we derived from the exodus from Egypt in view of the fact that we are once again in exile? In his reply he discussed the significance of the exile and the ways of Providence.

However, in the Haggadah itself we are told: Each one of us in every generation, must see himself as if he had been enslaved in Egypt, and personally experienced deliverance. We are furthermore exhorted "to tell it to our children."

The message spelled out by the ancient books is clear. Not only must every generation stand on guard for its liberty, perhaps win its freedom over again, but the liberated Jew must have roots, must tend them carefully and continue to be nourished by them.

The Seder table can be very decorative, with an embellished Haggadah central to the observance, including a narrative of exerpts from Bible, Mishna and Midrash, interpolated with ritual, to which have been added stories, psalms and songs, an artistic Seder plate; embroidered Matzo covers; engraved Kiddush cups and the large Kiddush "Becher" set for the Prophet Elijah, who will be the herald announcing the final redemption.

But the historic Egyptian exodus has its modern counterparts. Our generation has witnessed the exodus of the remnant saved from the Nazi inferno. We have seen the exodus of the communities in the Arab lands, and the absorption of most of them in the newly risen state of Israel.

In the seventies we marvel at yet another miracle. We observe the stirring of a large community which for over half a century has been cut off from the mainstream of Jewish life, so that some had given it up for lost. We see the beginnings of an exodus by Russian Jewry from behind the bars of the iron curtain. We witness their dauntless drive in the face of much danger and harassment, for Aliyah to Zion, the attainment of which famous sons and daughters of a previous generation of Russian Jewry, had helped make possible.

In consonance with more recent events in Jewish history, various groups have suggested additional prayers for the Seder. These include a prayer on behalf of the victims of the Holocaust; a prayer for Russian Jewry, and a prayer of thanksgiving for the state of Israel.

There is an ancient Jewish legend—the legend of the "Heavenly Goblet." Whenever a misfortune befalls the Jewish people, a tear falls into the "Heavenly Goblet." When the cup will be full, deliverance will be forthcoming for Israel and all mankind. Surely our age has had a surfeit of tears, enough to fill the legendary goblet many times over,—and perhaps, just perhaps, the day of deliverance is not too distant.

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ask the rabbi

Talmud tells of prohibition on chametz

1. What is meant by "selling chametz" before Passover? How is it done? What happens when no non-Jew is available, as in Israel, as the recipient of the chametz?

RESPONSE:

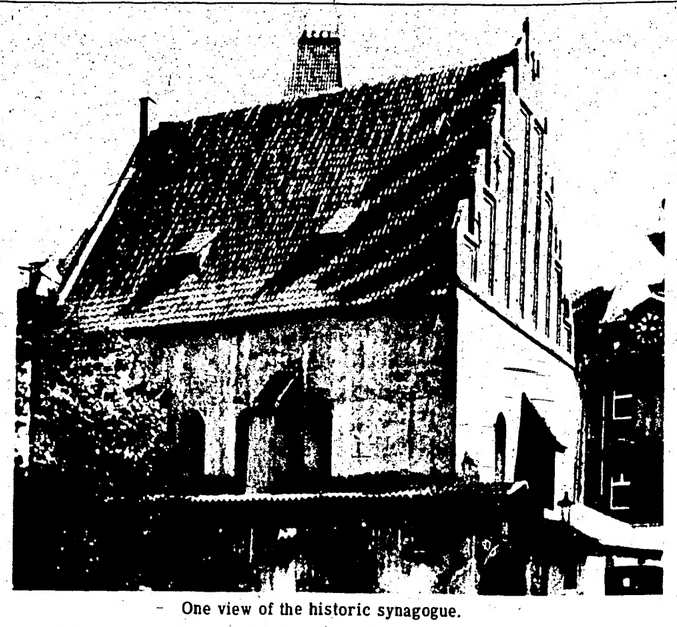
According to the Talmud (Pesachim 5b) the verse (Deuteronomy 16, 4) "For seven days no leaven shall be found with you in all your territory" means that only chametz belonging to a Jew must not be kept in the house. In Talmudic times the usual procedure was to destroy all chametz before the advent of Passover but where this was not possible, i.e. if the householder was away from home and knew that there was chametz in his home, the chametz would be sold to a non-Jew. The sale was a perfectly valid sale and was permanent.

There are, however, one or two references to a sale with the intention of buying back the chametz after Passover. Provided that there was no subterfuge, i.e. the intention was to sell the chametz without any reservations in the sale itself, this was allowed. A proper deed of sale had to be drawn up and executed according to Jewish law.

Pious Jews would not offend the law against keeping chametz and yet the rabbinic leaders were acutely conscious of the pressing economic problem. They could not calmly contemplate the possibility of their congregants' financial ruin. Consequently the possibility was adopted by householders who could not dispose of their chametz, of appointing the rabbi as their agent to sell the chametz. This is sometimes referred to as a legal fiction though the authorities are careful to see that the sale is a perfectly valid one in Jewish law so that if the non-Jew wishes to keep the chametz and pay for it, he can do so.

When no non-Jew is available, nothing can be done and the chametz must be destroyed or abandoned before Passover. But, so far as I know, the sale of chametz in the formal sense is practiced in Israel since there are no non-Jews there.

'The Golem with the swastika sought out Jewish quarters in order to destroy them completely'



One view of the historic synagogue.

How the Alt-Neu-Schul was saved from bombs planted by the Nazis

By JOSEF FRANKEL

One of Prague's most beautiful and impressive edifices is the Alt-Neu-Schul. Tourists--both Jew and Gentile--go there to admire this magnificent House of Worship. The Czechs are proud of the architectural masterpiece and the Jews regard their "Mother of Prague's Synagogues" with special reverence and devoted admiration.

There are many legends attached to the Alt-Neu-Schul, the most popular being the wonderful story of the Hohe Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel and the Golem. The Rabbi is said to have created the Golem by cabbalistic ritual and the Golem became the mystical servant and robot. Even now the seat upon which the Hohe Rabbi used to sit, still stands against the eastern wall of the synagogue, unused, and no one is permitted to occupy it; thus is his memory preserved to this day. The Alt-Neu-Schul legends are many; legends connected with the history of Prague Jewry who, according to some historians, settled in Bohemia many decades before the appearance of the Czechs.

Old, New Land

There is a lively difference of opinion amongst historians regarding the date of the foundation of the Alt-Neu-schul. Some seek to prove that the synagogue was built in 592, then frequently rebuilt. Others, however, believe it was built later--in the 13th or the 14th century. There is not even agreement about the meaning of the name, "Alt-Neu-Schul." In the literature of the "Mother of Prague's Synagogues," the main trend of opinion is that the name "Alt-Neu-Schul" has no connection whatsoever with the descriptive words "alt" and "neu" ("old" and "new") but is a corruption of the Hebrew words "Al Tenai," meaning "on condition," the condition being that with the re-erection of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, the "Al-Tenai-Schul" would be closed.

Other historians, however, maintain that many hundreds of years ago there was an old synagogue in Prague; then another was built. The first was called "old" and the second the "new." When, eventually, a third was constructed, the second was no longer called "new" but "old-new" to distinguish it from the last one.

In 1897 Theodor Herzl heard the story of how a pious Jew found "a long underground passage" in the Alt-Neu-Schul leading straight to Jerusalem. But when, at last, he arrived there--"he died of joy." When Herzl began to write his Zionist novel, he chose the title "Alt-Neu-Land" (Old New Land), an allusion to the Alt-Neu-Schul. "It will become a famous word," Herzl noted in his "Diaries."

Prague Under Nazi Occupation

A few days after the "Anschluss," in March 1938, I left Vienna for Prague; the Nazis followed a year later, in March 1939. We usually called the Nazis--"Golem," and we trusted in the Great Rabbi Loew to protect the Alt-Neu-Schul.

Rabbi Loew rests in the old cemetary; the Golem, on the other hand, had risen again in 1939 and stalked through the streets and alleys of Prague. The Czechs were mute and silent. They felt isolated and forsaken, and waited for a miracle.

The drama had begun; misfortune upon misfortune; tragedy upon tragedy. Jews were arrested and sent to concentration camps. The new Golem in swastika-adorned uniform raged throughout the land. No one could stop him. There was no longer a Hohe Rabbi to restrain him.

The statue of Moses outside Alt-Neu-Schul

Fear and Terror

The Golem with the swastika sought out Jewish quarters in order to destroy them completely. Jewish cemetaries were desecrated and Jewish houses of worship set alight; synagogues were in flames and Torah scrolls were burned. And to crown these "heroic" deeds the Alt-Neu-Schul was to be set alight. Fear and terror gripped every family.

Daily the Golem stood in front of the Alt-Neu-Schul planning its destruction. One day bombs exploded near the House of Worship. The Golem was unlucky, because Czech police stood on guard by the Alt-Neu-Schul. Everyone in Prague convinced that soon, today or tomorrow, the devilish attack would again be made and the "Mother of Prague's Synagogues" would disappear.

Jews as well as Czechs made pilgrimage to the Alt-Neu-Schul. They wished to see it again, perhaps for the last time. Almost every day they took a sad farewell of the synagogue. Each morning, with beating hearts, they enquired whether there was a fire in Maisels Street.

German officers and soldiers, the SS and SA too, appeared in the Jewish quarter to look at the synagogue. They had already read so much about the "cursed house of prayer" and wanted to see it, at last, before it was swallowed up by fire.

Again bombs were found in Maisels Street, bombs which could not only have destroyed the Alt-Neu-Schul, but the whole Jewish quarter.

From June 1939 I was in the Alt-Neu-Schul every day to say Kaddish. Prayers usually began in the early hours of the morning. We, among them leaders of the Jewish community, prayed in haste. I had to say Kaddish quickly, the service had to be over in 20 minutes.

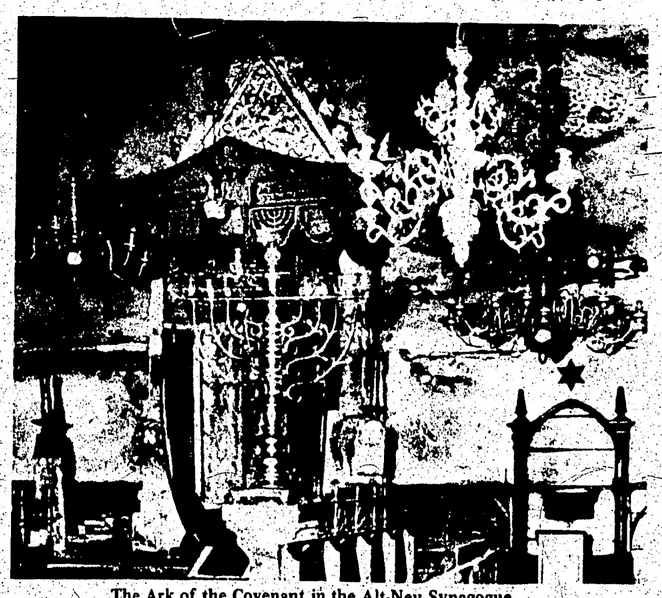
Searched the Synagogue

Before prayers, a grey-bearded old Jew made a thorough "search." He carefully examined the hall, opened the Aron ha-Kodesh, touched the Sefer Torahs, then quickly went over to the Omed and to the Almemor. Perhaps hidden somewhere, were cans of petrol. He examined everything except the seat of the Hohe Rabbi Loew, so certain was he that the "unknown culprits" had left nothing there. No, they would not dare to use "his seat" as a hiding place. And here he whispered a prayer asking him to intervene in heaven on behalf of the threatened synagogue.

The Nazis like hyenas, they, and the Golem with the swastika, hovered close to the synagogue waiting for a favorable opportunity to pounce. On a dark night some shadowy figures carried straw and cans of petrol. They then climbed on to the little porch of the Alt-Neu-Schul. Already they were on the roof. A dormer window was broken and cans of petrol dropped in. Straw and rags, soaked in petrol, were pushed through. And then paper was lit and thrown down on top of all.

Next morning, in the early hours, the Jews hurried, as usual, to the Alt-Neu-Schul, and found in the synagogue paraffin, petrol, straw and the burned-out remains of paper. Nothing was damaged and nothing was burned. Perhaps the burning paper was extinguished by the draught as it fell from the dormer window into the inner sanctum. Perhaps, the petrol and straw, by some extraordinary phenomenon, did not catch alight.

But the grey-bearded old Jew noticed footprints leading from the inflammable material to the Hohe Rabbi Judah Loew ben Bezalel's seat, and thence to the rafters beneath the roof, where, according to legend, the dead Golem lies. Footprints, distinct footprints... And once more, the old Jew stood by the Hohe Rabbi Loew's seat and whispered a fervent prayer of gratitude and appealed to him to continue to protect the imperilled "Mother of Prague's Synagogue"...



The Ark of the Covenant in the Alt-Neu Synagogue.

Beloved Moses Sigal

Good deeds of a dedicated man

By NATHAN SHEMEN

Moses Sigal was born 96 years ago in the small Galician town of Pomuren. He came to Toronto as a young man of 22 in 1898 when our Jewish community was much smaller and when it was divided into "shtieblech." The Galitzianer or Austrian segments of our community was just beginning to take shape. It had already brought to these shores as its spiritual leader Rabbi Joseph Weinrib also from Pomuren.

Moishe Sigal in the flush of his youthful energy took immediately to religious activity becoming involved in the Teraulay Street (later known as Bay Street) Shul, and the Shomrei Shabbos. He assisted groups of immigrants in banding together to preserve their way of life, providing mutual assistance--all of which led to the development of organized Jewish life in Toronto.

He was among those who first organized Toronto's kehilla structure for the supervision, slaughter, and distribution of kosher meat.

In Jewish education, though he had always engaged private instructors for his family, he was among those who helped build the Brunswick Talmud Torah, now the Associated Hebrew Schools with thousands of pupils enrolled.

When I arrived in Toronto in 1930 I heard of Reb Moishe Sigal as a man always ready to do a favor, a man who extended many loans without interest to persons who signed no notes or documents of any kind.

This is what was said about him in the family of Rabbi J.L. Graubart where I met his daughter Molly, now Mrs. Edell.

In the 1940's I met him as one involved in the organization of Rabbi A.A. Price's Yeshiva Torath Chaim. He was then an admirer of Rabbi Price's learning, scholarship and ability and deplored community

Moses Sigal

differences that had arisen. There were three prominent Jews here named Moses in those years: Moses Oelbaum, Moses Rosenzweig of the Chevra Sha'ss, and Moses Sigal. All three were much involved in bringing over young men rescued from Hitler's Holocaust who are now rabbis, community leaders and educators.

Moise Sigal had a reputation of being the "shtadlan" par excellence. What did his "shtadlonus" consist of, you may ask?

In assisting Jews with problems at City Hall. In interceding for them with the Immigration Department. In helping them at the bank. All this he did in modesty and quietly, without fanfare or publicity. He passed away last February.

And as he lived so he died. He asked in his will that no eulogies be recited at his funeral. His deeds accompanied him and his mitzvoth will remain his memorial.

In his later years I got to know him more closely at the home of my friend Meyer Gasner who was his son-in-law and in the "besmedrash" of the Torah V'Avodah on Vaughan Road where all respected him. I then saw him as a man familiar with scriptures, Shulchan Aruch, a lover of sacred books and a friend and benefactor of scholars.

When a scholar visited the city--a rabbi, a rebbe--his first address was Moishe Sigal's home, a home which became known not only in Toronto but beyond the bounds of Canada.

Moishe Sigal had another talent--of attracting sons-in-law. His first son-in-law, the late Herman Salb, husband of his daughter Mildred, was a Trisker Chassid. Raised in the United States he was an authority in the science of Gematria and published a book on it. His second son-in-law is Meyer Gasner, a man who has carried on community tasks and shown leadership in Toronto for decades in all branches of endeavor: the Canadian Jewish Congress, the United Jewish Welfare Fund, the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the Mizrachi movement, Yeshiva University, Albert Einstein Medical School, Bar Ilan University.

And so it is with the others: Saul Sigler a pillar of Toronto's Orthodoxy who is Sylvia's husband; Israel Edell married to Molly; Libby's husband the Zionist leader and lawyer Manny Brown and likewise his sons Abraham and Peretz (Perry) all of whom have continued in his footsteps.

With the departure of Moses Sigal we have lost a cherished member of our yeshuv, a man of wisdom and prudence a man unique among his peers, a man who helped build the structure of our present Jewish society. He has left the world in deep old age, rich not merely in years but in good deeds, clear in thought whose lifespan may be a model to us all.

May his memory be a blessing!

Getting phone call through to Jerusalem is like winning a major sweepstakes

By EPHRAIM KISHON
JERUSALEM-

When old age overtakes the poet, the urge comes on him to take stock of his life. I loved, learned, travelled--says the poet in his heart--made good money and threw it after bad, saw ancient towns and fresh graves, wallowed in the morass of futility and struggled to attain peaks of wisdom: I partook of the wonderous adventure called Life.

Thus the average poet. If they should one day ask this writer how he spent his life, his answer will be brief:

"I dialled Jerusalem." Meaning that that is what we spend the best part of our life on: We dial 02 and it's busy. Five hours of every morning are taken up with this activity, amounting to a loss of 227 working-days per annum (barring leap years). All our life passes as we stand, receiver in hand, yearning for Jerusalem.

"Are you free tomorrow?"

"No, I've a call to Jerusalem to make."

This applies only to the daylight hours, of course. When the clock strikes midnight the line slackens, and may even be free by the third attempt. Between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. there's a real chance of getting the capital. The only hitch is that Jerusalemites prefer being rung up by day. And by day 02 is busy.

Sometimes it's enough for a person to merely think of Jerusalem, and when he picks up the receiver the line already is busy, instinctively as it were. Which is why it's desirable to think of Rehovot or Petah-Tikvah before dialling--though those also are busy as a rule.

Sometimes one manages to sneak past the 0, and only after adding the 2 does the famed Jerusalem pip-pip come on. Once in a while a miracle may happen and the 2 too may get by, which so confuses a person that he can hardly get on with it. If it isn't busy, there must be a mistake somewhere, wrong number or something.

One evening this week we were pottering in the garden when our youngest came rushing out to us:

"Quick!" the dear child yelled excitedly, "mummy's got Jerusalem!"

It was a real treat. The little woman had dialled 02 and all of a sudden it had caught. It is not ours to reason why it had caught, but it had.

The little one went on and with beating heart dialled the number of her aunt and got the ministry of social welfare on the spot. Our joy knew no bounds. We gave the anonymous welfare operator a full list of our Jerusalem acquaintances and begged her to please ring them up and ask them to call us back in Tel Aviv, because it's easier to call from the capital than to. The uncatchability works only one way.

The Israeli train service makes the most of the situation: "Save Time!"--their ads run--"Instead of dialling, travel to Jerusalem by train!"

They say the Jerusalem telephone exchange is a bit antiquated and still works by the Ottoman system, with cranks and bellows and a pair of strong oxen. As a matter of fact, that's how the whole business started: Theodor Herzl wanted to phone up the Turkish governor in Jerusalem. After a week, his dialling finger bandaged and his arm paralysed from the shoulder down, he gave up:

"Let my right hand forget her cunning," said the great visionary. "If I forget thee, Oh Jerusalem!"

Our minister of communications is aware of the problem. For a long time people used to call him up and tell him on the phone just what they thought of him and his communications to Jerusalem, till the minister upped and moved to Jerusalem himself. Now he's got peace. Mr. Peres admits the situation isn't perfect, some 40 telephone cables run between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem via Har-Tuv, where about a million are needed. However, a new exchange is being constructed on Mount Scopus and will be ready in no time. The Min. of Com. recommends autosuggestion to tide us over the pip-pipping interval. Let every person autosuggest 10 times a morning: Telephone communications are improving day by day in every way. Telephone communications are...

Those yummy food smells of Pesach time

By J.B. SALSBERG

So you think that you know something about preparations for the glorious holiday of Pesach? Frankly, I doubt it. After reading these notes from the records of our immediate past you will agree that you have only a hazy acquaintanceship with the real thing.

In fairness I should acknowlege that you may not be entirely uninformed about the preparations for Passover or, as an increasing number now call it, Easter, but that's not the same as preparing for Pesach.

Yes, you may experience the hustle and bustle around the house some days before the holiday. You may hear a lot about "placing the Easter order with the grocer." You may be caught up in the tiresome effort to "get something to put on for the holiday." In most homes the pre-kosher chicken and the pre-cleaned and sliced whitefish may be removed from the freezer and the old-time cooking smells may still fill the house or apartment.

But what do you know about the pre-Pesach bedlam that used to prevail in almost every Jewish home for a week or two before the majestic arrival of this most royal of all Jewish holidays? What do you know of the cleansing frenzy--not just spring cleaning--that preceded the glorious arrival of Pesach? What do you know of the excitement of the last few days before Pesach when the year-round dishes and cooking utensils gradually disappeared from the house until there was only a small box of the most essential cups and saucers left; only a shrinking corner in the kitchen set aside for the sustenance of life; while the Pesach dishes--proud and smiling in their privileged positions--were still out of bounds?

What do you know of the bubblingly happy anticipations of little boys and girls whose new shoes and bits of new clothes could only be looked at but not worn before Pesach? Yes, and what do you know of the erev-yontev smells at home when the chickens were "opened?" And who can forget the aromatic revolution when those same chickens began boiling in the over-sized Passover cauldron that slumbered all year in the cellar dreaming of this privilege to provide delectable chicken soup for Pesach?

And yet, these samples of pre-Passover customs and practices of another age touch only on the outer shell of Pesach; the holiday of freedom; the celebration of the Exodus from Egypt; the welcoming of spring; the gathering of the first ripe ears of grain.

What of the spiritual and emotional experiences that are related to Pesach and, for that matter, to all major Jewish holidays and also with Shabes (Shabbat)? What about the spiritual conditioning that caused our fathers and forefathers (and perhaps even more so--our mothers and grandmothers) to begin preparing for the Sabbath on Tuesday and to hold on to the "Queen Sabbath" as long as possible, long after the sun had set and the stars appeared in the sky?

What of the motivations that prompted men like my late father--newcomers to this land--to plan and prepare for Pesach in the mid-winter nights when the earth was covered with thick blankets of snow? What of the unbelievable fact that my father and a few of his close friends did, on an occasion that I distinctly remember, began their preparations for Pesach in the mid-summer month of July--fully nine months before the arrival of Passover?

How many of those old motivations and practices are still prevailing? I doubt if many are--at least among the overwhelming majority of North American Jews. Let me, therefore, record an episode of our past that should not be forgotten or lost. It is the story of my father's ardent pursuit of Pesach from mid-summer till the great moment when we heard the knock at the door and were able to open our door and joyously welcome our dreamed-of guest--Pesach!

(This, the editor willing, will come next week in the very midst of the holiday.)

Organizations and People

what's new...

by Miriam Herman

MISSISSAUGA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

There is a new and young Jewish community a-blooming in Mississauga. They held their first meeting last month, headed up by Dr. Lester Krames, psychology professor at Erindale College. The immediate concern of the group, which presently numbers about 35 families, is to identify as a Jewish community. And since the nearest synagogue is 35 miles away, the plan is to eventually build one in their own area. Meanwhile, the hope is to get a religious and Hebrew education program going for the children. And right now they are busy with preparations for their first community Seder (about 12 families have signed up so far) with the gals doing the cooking themselves.

SISTERHOOD CONVENTION

Representatives of 15 Conservative sisterhoods in Ontario attending the Ontario Branch, National Women's League, 17th annual spring convention Monday, April 30th and Tuesday, May 1, will be participating in two convention "firsts"--all-women religious services and a competition for the most creative Judaic handicraft. Competition awards are to be presented at the Monday evening banquet which features keynote speaker Claire Rogoff of Long Island, national consultant speaker of the league, and includes a socio-drama on the Hebrew Christians. The conference theme in **Na'aseh--We Will Do!** Participating rabbis--Herbert Feder of Beth Tikvah Synagogue; Robert Binder of Adath Israel; and Yaacov Rone of London, Ontario. All sessions are at Adath Israel Synagogue.

PUBLICITY SEMINAR

CJN editor Ralph Hyman and United Jewish Welfare Fund public relations director Maurice Lucow conducted a seminar on publicity know-how last week for presidents and publicity chairmen of Jewish women's groups in Toronto. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations to supply information as to the how-when-and-where of submitting relevant and newsworthy material to the news media for publication.

ISRAELI FOLK-SINGERS

The Israeli Students' Organization is bringing one of Israel's top folk-singing duos **The Parvarim** (which means literally in Hebrew--**The Suburbs**) to Toronto to celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary. They will be appearing here on Thursday, April 19, at 8 p.m. at Northview Heights Secondary School, Finch Ave. W.

LIGHT, LIVELY AND JEWISH

Another concert for Toronto is the one sponsored by the B. Borochov Branch 124 of the Labor Zionist Alliance. They are presenting a musical show, **Leicht, Lebedik un Yiddish** (Light, Lively and Jewish) with a Yiddish theatre ensemble of American-Jewish stars of the New York musical stage. The date is Saturday, April 21, at 8 p.m. at Eaton Auditorium.

CANADIAN PREMIERE

A reminder that also that week, on Wednesday, April 18, is the Canadian premiere of Leonard Bernstein's **Kaddish** (Symphony No. 3) conducted by Elmer Iseler with the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and special guest artist Genevieve Bujold.

SATURDAY ON SUNDAY

Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Bayview Ave. recently participated in a "first" for educational TV. The congregation held a simulated Sabbath service (the taping was done on Sunday) as part of a series of programs on world religions for the Ontario Educational Communications Authority. Rabbi Herbert Feder, the congregation's religious leader, was assisted by the synagogue choir conducted by Srul Glick. The "Sunday morning" Sabbath service will be seen on Channel 19.

PRE-PASSOVER SEMINAR

A capacity audience, mainly composed of young people interested in subjects relating to Passover, attended the pre-Passover Rabbinical seminar held Wednesday, April 4, at Clanton Synagogue. Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, spiritual leader of that congregation, presided over the meeting which featured seminar participants Rabbi Moses Burak, Beth Jacob Congregation; Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; Rabbi Mordecai Ochs, Torah Emeth Congregation, and Dr. Yehuda Shields who presented a brief on medicines, cosmetics and drugs permissable for Passover use. Rabbi Meyer Berglas of Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue brought greetings on behalf of the Rabbinical Council of Ontario and Saul Sigler, acting chairman of the Orthodox Division of Canadian Congress, Central Region, spoke on behalf of that committee.

A VIEW OF ISRAEL

Friends of Pioneering Israel, Toronto, are marking Israel's 25th anniversary with a seminar on **A Socialist Evaluation of the State of Israel** set for Sunday, April 22, at the Borochov Centre on Codsell Ave. The roster of speakers includes Haim Gunner, University of Massachusetts; Moshe Giladi, principal of Kibbutz Teachers Seminary at Oranim, Israel; Uri Zohar, visiting economics professor at York University; Abraham Rotstein, economics department, University of Toronto; Howard Adelman and Howard Buchbinder, both York University professors; and Joseph B. Salsberg. The all-day meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and runs to 6 p.m. with lunch included, of course.

SUMMER STUDENT PLACEMENT

The Jewish Vocational Service is again sponsoring a program of student summer placement. Don't forget to contact the agency if you can provide summer work for students.

Filling lonely hours for older people is task of agency

By BRAM CADSBY

TORONTO—

Elder Craftsman Unlimited, sponsored by the Jewish Vocational Service and financed by Local Inititative Projects, was designed to help older people find part-time or temporary employment. However, a short chat with the program's organizers will convince one that it is, perforce, doing a great deal more.

"People usually come by to ask about jobs," says Selma Eisen, the project's co-ordinator. "But being able to focus in on the tangible, traditional job often masks other important needs."

For this reason, though job placement remains the major priority, Elder Craftsmen has been directing people to a variety of other activities and agencies.

One spirited and attractively dressed woman found her particular niche in a drama group to which she was referred. Many others have been connected up with the YMHA's program for the elderly.

"I've been amazed at the lack of information people have about community services," says Mrs. Eisen. "Our program is helping to fill this knowledge gap."

A more serious problem is that many needs are difficult to respond to. Expectations are high, but the appropriate job or community service is not always ready at hand.

Though most employers approached have been sympathetic and helpful, a great many more jobs are needed. Particularly important are jobs which involve light work and provide a certain amount of companionship.

Of course, many of the project's clients have a great deal of skill and experience in a specialized field. Their major problem is to find employment within this field, but on a temporary or part-time basis.

"It's frustrating to be useful at 64 and useless at 65," says David Dimitri, 23, the youngest person working on the project. "In our society, everything is geared towards youth. Employers just aren't aware of what older people can do."

But, once again, the problems reach far beyond the realm of jobs. "I think that our high-rise ghettos are a disaster," says Mrs. Eisen. "We need to change some of our priorities and plan for the elderly. We need services outside the usual structure of social agencies."

For example, she suggests that any well-planned apartment complex should contain some sort of meeting room in which friendly get-togethers could be organized.

"Alone, in their own apartments, people are lonely and disconnected," she says. "But if we provide a tea or social hour, we could break through this isolation."

Louis Green, 74, was one of the project's first clients. He has decided, on his own initiative, to apply for a New Horizons grant for a group of about 10 elderly people.

The group would meet, listen to music and converse. But their main goal would be to put some of their thoughts into writing.

"The people in my building play bridge and bingo," says Green. "But writing interests me a great deal more."

Staff members are convinced their service is beginning to fill an important need.

"It's validity is proven to us every single day," says Mrs. Eisen. "We believe that it must continue."

It is difficult to find people for such projects, but Elder-Craftsmen can help by acting as a catalyst and bringing interested parties together.

Human Rights Foundation to offer $5,000 awards

MONTREAL—

The Canadian Human Rights Foundation has announced the start of an annual countrywide program of $5,000 grants.

The cash awards are offered to writers, university graduates, undergraduates and others, to assist them in the preparation of a book, dissertation or other work dealing with some aspect of human rights in Canada.

Prof. John Humphrey, chairman of the awards committee, anticipates a large and varied response to the national project. It is hoped the theme, which is of intimate concern to everyone, will challenge the attention and imagination of persons in all walks of life, added Prof. Humphrey who was director of the Division of Human Rights at the United Nations from 1946 to 1966 and a moving force in establishing the Canadian Human Rights Foundation.

Conditions for the awards have been made as simple as possible, said Prof. Humphrey. Submissions can be written, visual or other form, in English or French, and anyone at home or abroad may apply for an award. Applicants are requested to submit a plan of their project, curriculum vitae and appropriate references.

Initial winners will be announced as soon as possible after the closing date of June 1, 1973. It is hoped that the quality of the submissions will warrant at least two initial awards and possibly more later in the year. Resources for this and a number of anticipated other undertakings, including a survey of the teaching of human rights at all levels of education in Canada, are coming from a limited fund-raising campaign which is continuing.

Among the aims of the foundation, remarked Brig. J.H. Price, president of the Montreal-based national organization, is "providing a focus and spotlight on human rights, in the awareness that the hard-won rights of an earlier era might tend to go by default or neglect."

Members of the judges' panel are Prof. Humphrey, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Charles Lussier, Dean Ronald St. J. Macdonald, Prof. Maxwell Cohen, Senator Therese Casgrain, Senator Eugene Forsey.

The Board of Directors of the foundation--there are, as well, national council members in each province--are: Brig. J.H. Price, Prof. Paul A. Crepeau, Leslie Buzzell, Philippe Casgrain, Mrs. David Nicholson, Mr. Justice Harry Batshaw, Prof. Maxwell Cohen, Maynard Gertler, Prof. John Humphrey, Dean Howard I. Ross.

Submissions should be sent to: Awards Committee, Prof. John Humphrey, Chairman--Canadian Human Rights Foundation -- Suite 2165, 630 Dorchester Blvd. West, Montreal 101, Que.

...about people

J.A. Lyone Heppner

Montrealer **J.A. Lyone Heppner**, who succeeded the late **D. Lou Harris** as president of Canadian ORT, was elected to the executive committee of World ORT Union at a recent meeting in Geneva.

Maxwell Cohen

Maxwell Cohen, dean of law at McGill University, is to be, among other things, one of the members of the judge's panel selecting recipients of the $5,000 grants being offered by the Canadian Human Rights Foundation. The awards are to be given to writers, university graduates and undergraduates, and others, to assist them in the preparation of a book, dissertation or other work dealing with some aspect of human rights in Canada.

Rabbi Yehuda Oelbaum, heading up Camp Agudah for the coming season, brings lots of experience to the position of head counsellor. He served as head counsellor at Camp Agudah, Ferndale, New York, and Camp Torah Vodaath, Highland, New York. The rabbi plans to introduce a new learning program with campers being taught by qualified teachers engaged as camp specialists rather than by the counsellors.

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Soviet prisoner **Sylva Zalmenson** has a personal spokesman presently visiting Canada. Her uncle **Abrasha Zalmenson**, who migrated to Israel 15 years ago, is here and is probably staying until after Passover. He is staying with Toronto relatives, the **Herman Lad**owsky's.

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CJN columnist **J.B. Salsberg** is hitting the air waves of late. Last Wednesday he appeared on the CBC's program **Concern** to refute arguments advanced by **David Levi**, CBC correspondent in Moscow. And this Sunday, the 15th, he will be seen on CITY TV's **Mosaic** in an interview with **Esther Markish**. The show is seen on Channel 79 at 12:30 p.m., and he shares the spotlight with **Genya Intrator**, chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry, and with **Peretz Miransky**, Canadian Yiddish poet, who reads some of Peretz Markish's poems.

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South Africa has its own Oscars--they are called Three Leaf awards for acting--and there were two Jewish winners this year. **Percy Sieff** received his award for best actor in his portrayal of **Mark Twain** in his one-man show of that name. **Jacqui Singer** received her award for her part in a play called **The Four Seasons**.

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The new president of the International Court of Justice, at The Hague, **Dr. Manfred Lachs** of Poland, is the first Jew to head the 15-judge court set up by the United Nations to adjudicate disputes among member nations.

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Rabbi Abraham Feinberg writes from San Francisco that he is as busy and involved as ever and has taken on a series of lectures on current religious-social problems for the First Unitarian Church there. That is in addition, of course, to his duties as rabbi-in-residence at Glide Memorial Church.

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Consul-general's wife Toronto's latest fan

Berta Ovnat: Toronto is "a great runner-up" to Jerusalem. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

By MIRIAM HERMAN
TORONTO–

Toronto can add another name to its ever-growing list of fans--none other than that of Berta Ovnat, wife of Israel's Consul - General here.

She says she loves it for its way of life, for all the things to do and see, and for all the people she has met so far.

"Jerusalem could be only Jerusalem," she said. "But, if not Jerusalem, then Toronto is a great runner-up."

Of course, the transition from Israel to Canada was an easy one for her. It was almost like coming home as she was born in Chicago and raised in California.

In fact, the Ovnat's met in California when Shmuel was a student in economics and international relations at the University of Southern California. He was teaching Hebrew part-time at the same Jewish centre where she was teaching arts and crafts. Their son Zev, now 21 and serving in the Israeli army, is American-born as the Ovnat's remained in the U.S. for the first eight years of their marriage before their return to Israel.

The life of a diplomat's wife is filled with a potpourri of official functions and entertainments and Mrs. Ovnat is no exception. Although she has been "starting out in a small way" as far as Jewish women's organizations are concerned, she has been, nonetheless, most impressed with their activities.

"We have a tendency to accept without realizing the hard work involved," she said. "It is not just people putting their hands in their pockets. It is people working together over a long period of time in a tremendous effort."

She is also impressed with the number of people going from here to Israel. Admittedly, the adjustment is a difficult one, especially when it means being separated from families but, "if people want to do it badly enough, it can be done." And a few words of advice from one who knows--"keep your sense of humor and patience and try not to complain about the little things."

Amidst all the officialdom Mrs. Ovnat still seems to be able to put aside enough time to be herself. She's learning French, swimming at the 'Y,' pursuing her interest in the arts, and, above all, being mother to 11-year-old Hannah.

She greets you with a radiant smile and a ready laugh. She is relaxed, informal and approachable. Their apartment is a reflection of her warmth and artistic know-how. (She jokingly said that she was wearing a slack-suit that day to match the apricot-colored velvet cushions of the living room chairs.) Even the cherished family pet, a brown-toned dog with the very Shakesperean name Ophelia, blends into the decor.

The art collection that lines the walls includes several of her own creations--wool tapestries of her own design that are studies of whimsical faces with black piercing eyes that draw you to them.

Mrs. Ovnat has always been interested in art. She studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and majored in art at UCLA. Her works have been shown at the Maskit art gallery in Tel Aviv (Ruth Dayan's project) and her largest work is presently hanging in the penthouse apartment of a Swedish actress the Ovnat's met during their four-year term of duty with the Israeli embassy in Stockholm.

Mrs. Ovnat confided that she hopes to have an exhibit of her work in Toronto. But it takes hundreds of hours to complete one wall-hanging and the trick will be to find the time to make a worthwhile showing, in the hectic days ahead.

There are also very happy days ahead for the Ovnat's--Zev will be in Toronto shortly for a family reunion before returning to the army and eventual enrollment at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Between kibbutznik and Zionist

Middle East debate reveals few differences

By ROCHELLE CARR
TORONTO–

What was billed as a formal debate on the future of the occupied territories in Israel, turned out to present a minimum of differences of opinion.

The two speakers involved were Yonah Yanai from Kibbutz Ein Hashofet which is affiliated with the left wing labor Mapam Party, and Max Goody, deputy president of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Both men agreed the foremost problem is with whom is Israel to sit down and negotiate a lasting peace--the terrorists or the Arab leaders?

Both men said there was no argument about giving back either the Golan Heights or Jerusalem. As Yanai stated: "There's no use arguing it, there's nothing like Jerusalem."

Goody noted Abba Eban's feelings that it would be suicide for Israel to return the Golan Heights.

For the other areas, Goody mainly used historical arguments to support retention by Israel. He feels that the Gaza "geopolitically belongs to the state of Israel;" Jordan once owned the West Bank as a result of war, therefore Israel now holds a similar right to it; and the Sinai has "no connection with Egypt historically and is only used as a rallying point for Egypt when she decides to attack Israel."

Although Yanai pointed out that the Sinai is the place where we got our beginning, he feels that, "if the Sinai is to be reason for another war, then we should give up a minimum of territory for a maximum of security."

Yanai referred to the Gaza as "a cancer on the body of Israel," but he feels, nevertheless, that the West Bank really holds the most problems for the future. To add the West Bank means adding one million more Arabs to Israel.

Yanai took exception to Goody's argument that "if we're talking about peace we can't see it for at least another 50 years when there will be new generations of Arabs." Goody felt that the historical and religious ties of Jews to Israel was and will always be stronger than the Arab arguments which are "based more on revenge."

Yanai countered that Israel cannot depend on the second or third generation of Arabs forgetting their homes "We should be ready until that day comes when there is someone to sit down and negotiate with."

Yanai cautioned that Israelis should not lose sight of this goal of peace, and all the reasons for which the state of Israel was created. He said he realizes that economic conditions and security have never been so good, but especially for this generation of Israelis growing up in this newly acquired security "we must not forget what we fought for and why we're there."

Speaking as a Canadian, Goody emphasized the difference between the Jew here and the one in Israel. "They are on a day-to-day basis of exposure but we can opt out at any time we want, therefore no one outside Israel should decide for Israel what she should do."

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They call on all Jews to observe the Mitzvot of Pesach both inside and outside their homes; to make every effort to arrange for and participate in Seder celebrations; and to join their fellow Jews in festive synagogue worship.

They also urge that every Jew give additional expression of his or her prayers and hopes by supporting generously the United Jewish Appeal and by joining in every effort to bring release to our brothers in Soviet and Arab lands.

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MONTREAL—

A 66-year-old evolutionary process for community services co-ordinated under one roof culminates this month when nine major Allied Jewish Community Service agencies move into the four - storey Cummings House.

The 86,500 square foot headquarters is located across from the Saidye Bronfman Centre on Westbury Avenue, in a district central to Montreal's Jewish population.

Cummings House is believed to be the first structure in North America to offer, under one roof, such a wide gamut of personal services to members of any community.

"Take, for example, an immigrant who has just arrived in Montreal, explained AJCS President Monty Berger. First he is met by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, who makes sure he is secure in terms of accommodations and necessities. Soon after, in the same building, he can go to Jewish Vocational Services where he can look for employment or plan a re-training program.

"If he has older parents, the Golden Age Association is there; or the Jewish Family Services can provide immediate aid. Instead of having to travel 10 miles from one agency to another, he merely has to go from one floor to the next.

In short, explained Berger, the new headquarters is comparable to a shopping centre of services—except for medical institutions or self-contained agency buildings like Caldwell Residence for the elderly.

The concept for a new headquarters was born during the presidency of Gordon Brown, and it was brought to fruition when Boris G. Levine was AJCS president. Building Committee Chairman Brown, Ben Chazonoff, and Joe Ain have been active in supervising the day-to-day construction of the community services structure.

Cummings House is sheathed with sun glass, and the architecture reflects a modern, sophisticated grace with an airy, informal interior.

The building is being made possible without community fund-raising, but through a generous donation from two well-known community philanthropists Nathan and Maxwell Cummings, from the sale of the old "493" AJCS building to the Federated Appeal of Greater Montreal, and from the sale of the Jewish Public Library.

Although still in the throes of completion, Cummings House now houses the nerve centre of AJCS and the Combined Jewish Appeal, and the ground floor will soon contain the Jewish Public Library and an auditorium for cultural activities.

The JPL was formerly housed in its own building on Esplanade and Mount Royal Streets, but the Jewish population shifted, and leaders were compelled to sell the building. Presently located on Decarie Boulevard, the JPL's precious books and archives have been exiled because of lack of space.

With the new building rental costs are expected to be considerably reduced, with terms based on only what is absolutely necessary to maintain the headquarters.

Montreal's Jewish community dates back to the establishment of the Baron de Hirsch Institute in 1863—four years before Confederation. The Baron de Hirsch, now the Jewish Family Services, expanded into the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (1917-1950), the Federation of Jewish Community Services (1951 - 1965), and the Allied Jewish Community Services of today.

The massive steel structure reflects a uniquely Jewish flavor, a flavor which begins at the doorway where an inscription will be etched, "it is good for brethren to dwell together."

Team meetings such as this one are held regularly to discuss ways and means of helping students at Toronto Jewish day schools who have problems. Left to right are: Bea Pomerantz, education counsellor; Rosalie Shallyn, remediation specialist; Ruth Borchiver, psychologist; Joseph Klinger, principal of Bialik day school and Sandy Wise.

JVS counselling program aims to prevent children's problems

TORONTO—

Seven-year-old David (not his real name) was an unhappy, withdrawn little boy. His inability to distinguish letters combined with severe verbal limitations, made schooling a nightmare for him as well as his teachers. After trying everything else, David's parents agreed to have him tested by experts who discovered he was suffering from "dyslexia," a perceptual handicap.

That was five years ago. Now, a normal, healthy 12-year-old, David reads and writes with comparative ease and is keeping up with his classmates in all his other studies. David's is just one of a number of success stories of the Extra-Mural Guidance and Counselling program operated through the Jewish Vocational Service.

Initiated in 1964, the program is headed by JVS psychologist Ruth Borchiver who works with a team of professionals in various areas of educational and emotional problems. Much-needed help is provided for children from kindergarten up to Grade XIII at three Toronto Jewish day schools. The United Jewish Welfare Fund has allocated $46,410 this year for the project, the funds for which are derived through the United Jewish Appeal campaign.

"The main purpose of the project is prevention," Mrs. Borchiver said in an interview. "We try to pick up problems and deal with them at the very beginning. We do diagnostic testing and carry the ball from there. If we find ourselves getting into deeper family problems, we have a psychiatrist, Dr. David Berger of Mount Sinai Hospital, who consults with us on a regular basis, or we contact the Jewish Family and Child Service."

Mrs. Borchiver and her team meet at least once a week to discuss ways and means of helping students referred to them through teachers or principals of the schools. Working with her are education counsellors Bea Pomerantz and Marsha Rothstein; remediation specialist, Rosalie Shadlyn; a psychologist, Dr. Hy Day, of York University; and Sandy Wise, a case aid worker. If progress is unsatisfactory, different methods may be applied and there is further consultation with parents and teachers

In 1966 a class for perceptually - handicapped children was started at Eitz Chaim but was discontinued because, as Mrs. Borchiver explained, "we found it too expensive and discovered it was far better to keep these children in a regular classroom rather than isolate them from the rest of the school."

The Extra-Mural Guidance and Counselling program operates at Eitz Chaim Schools, Bialik and the junior and senior high schools at Associated. Students at Associated Hebrew Schools can also receive help in deciding on a career choice for university.

In some cases, Mrs. Borchiver said, advice from the JVS team has had an effect on school policy. "In fact we have become so much a part of the scene at these schools, that students come to us on their own initiative when they want help."

Conference of elderly

TORONTO—

The second annual conference of the Jewish elderly, sponsored by the Association of Senior Clubs, will be held for three days beginning May 13 at the North Branch YM-YWHA.

Michael Goldrick, who is serving his first term as a Toronto alderman, will be the keynote speaker. An associate professor of political science at York University, Goldrick has played an active role in the welfare of the elderly constituents he represents in Ward 3. He is a member of the Coalition Planning Committee of Community Care Services Inc., an umbrella organization of all non - institutionalized elderly.

Theme of this year's conference is **Living in Today's World**, and in the three days a series of workshops will cover home life, inflation and government involvement in the lives of the elderly. The three topics and the widespread areas they cover will be dealt with in small group sessions headed by leaders recruited from various social agencies.

The Association of Senior Clubs, which represents 10 Jewish clubs for the elderly in Toronto, sponsors the conference in co-operation with the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, a division of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

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by Charles Lazarus

MONTREAL--

Now that I'm resuming this pillar of opinion after a couple of years, the postman will also resume my fan mail, usually beginning, "What gives you the right..." etc., etc.

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Every time there are reports on the "Jewish poor," you get that flak about it's mostly the zealots and Chassidim who are too busy studying and praying to work... which is nonsense, if Jerome Diamond's report of the Jewish Family and Child Service, is any indication.

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Golda Meir's famous hat which she had flown from Israel for her visit with His Holiness--Will she send him a Passover card saying "Gut Yontif, Pontiff"--will wind up at some Hadassah auction.

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All Jews who insisted that a Jewish state should be accepted by the world as are all other "normal" states made up of human beings, aren't too happy about those reports of skulduggery and chicanery in the Sinai Desert. Ah shandeh!

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The similarity in appearance of the Montreal's Y's Saidye Bronfman Centre and the new Allied Jewish Community Service - Cummings House across the street, will do nothing to ease the fear that Allied's sphere of influence, if not overbearing, is at least infectious.

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- Another terrorist crisis involving Israel will surely happen, and there will still be no one central source in Canada where a journalist can pick up the phone and get information, nor will any machinery yet be working for an on-going public relations program, to avoid the downpour of misunderstanding and hostility that took place after the Libyan airliner incident.

Masochists that we are, the likes of TV interviewer David Frost will be invited back to Israel, despite the incredibly bad results of his recent program.

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Now that most unloved **Bridget Loves Bernie** has been cancelled from next season's TV spectrum, the next ecumenical thrust by the networks will be the union between an El Fatah girl and an Israel kibbutznik, and how they bring love and peace to the Middle East.

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The Holocaust exhibit now on view at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, and sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress Eastern Region's Holocaust Committee in conjunction with survivor groups, will stir some cockroaches out of the woodwork, that the 6,000,000 figure is only propaganda.

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The "Jewish ethic" will become a conversation piece following that warm, delightful piece in **The New York Times** about Jewish student communes on U.S. campuses, where religious and spiritual identification is the central thrust. Particularly significant point is that lettuce is considered "non-kosher" because of its production under oppressive working conditions.

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No matter how it's rationalized, the return of this year's Yom Hatzmaut parade in Jerusalem to a lavish display of military hardware, will trigger protests from Jews and non-Jews alike--the former because of the continuing insistence that war material is a necessary evil, the latter because of the readiness to spring at Israel as just another militarily ambitious power.

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The nostalgic anticipation of the Seder will be forgotten after the great meal, amid subtle suggestions from everyone to "speed it up."

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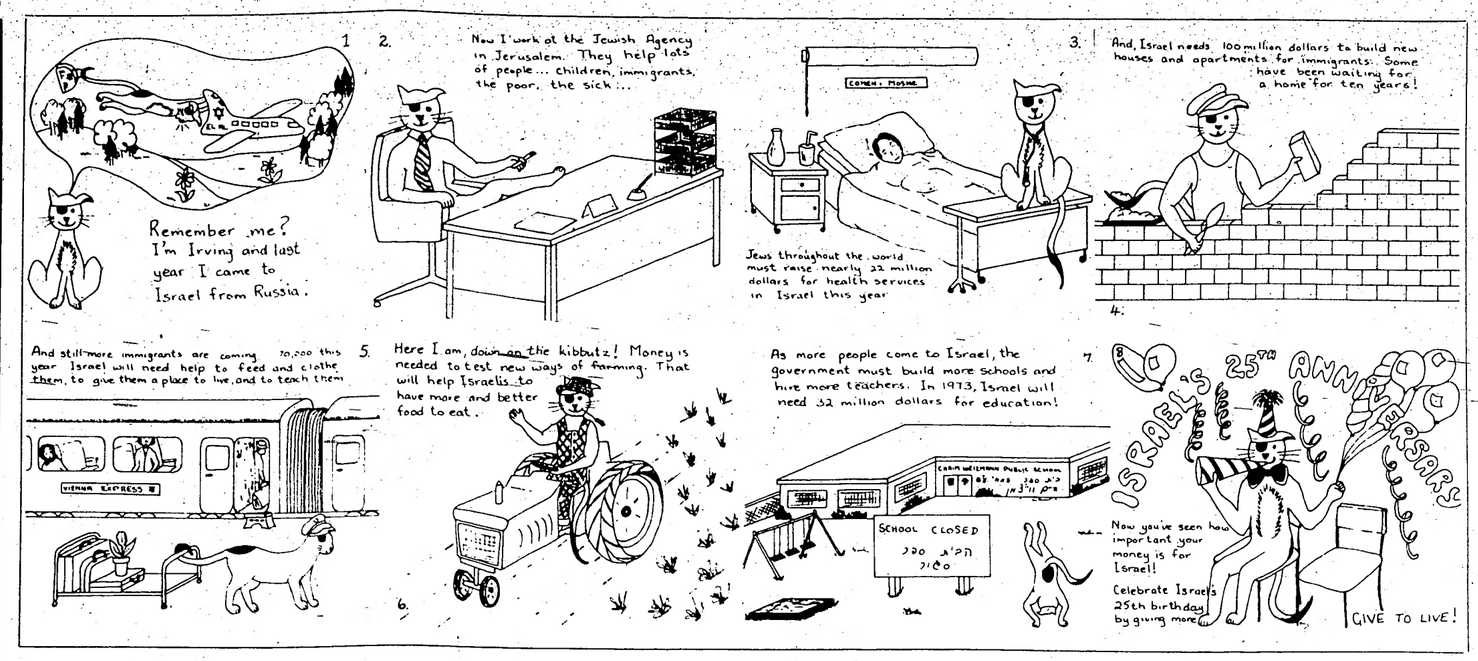
And now, as they say, "Ah koshern Pesach!"

Charles Lazarus is a member of the editorial staff of The Montreal Star. His column will appear twice monthly in The Canadian Jewish News.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Now I work at the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. They help lots of people... children, immigrants, the poor, the sick...
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TORONTO-

Irving is back!

The popular cat with the black eyepatch, who made such a hit with Toronto's Jewish children last year, will again be the symbol of the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund children's campaign.

The Board of Jewish Education has distributed envelopes, certificates and a letter to all children attending Jewish day schools and Sunday schools in Toronto to get the campaign officially started. In the letter addressed to parents, the board stresses "Tzedakah," the dispensing of charity according to one's means, as a basic tenet of Judaism to be instilled in their children at home.

A cartoon booklet is being prepared for the children depicting Irving's adventures since he arrived in Israel from Russia with his "family" last year.

Irving really tells it like it is in Israel. He knows where the money raised in the UJA-ISF campaign goes and shows the kids how it is being used in the vital areas of housing, education and health services in a very personal, graphic sense. Since he arrived on the scene last year, Irving has truly become the campaign "mascot" and a symbol most of the children have come to identify as their very own.

The cartoon booklet is the work of Ms. Lesley Cole, of the UJA public relations department.

Many of the schools have already begun fund-raising activities. The Grade Four its annual bazaar and raised $400 for the campaign. Eitz Chaim Schools students have started preparations for the third annual Learnathon. Last year the proceeds from this unique fund-raising event exceeded $3,000.

On April 1, the Grade Nine G girls at the Associated Hebrew Schools held their annual fashion show, with all proceeds in aid of UJA-ISF.

The most eagerly awaited event which culminates the children's campaign is the annual walkathon, which this year takes place on May 27. Thousands of Jewish children take part and a great many complete the full 22 miles.

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"Members who belong to a Reform Jewish congregation, besides its social and familial demands do so because, intellectually, they prize its adaptability and its sense of freedom," said Rabbi Gunther Plaut, rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple. Rabbi Plaut was speaking to over 100 members of Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd. at a breakfast sponsored by the brotherhood on the future of Reform Judaism.

This was one of a continuing dialogue within the Reform movement for a renewal and interest in the principal of the importance of the Sabbath in its traditional observance.

"The history of Reform Judaism was dependent on adaptability and the freedom to do anything or to refrain from doing anything, but now," said the rabbi, "countermovements have taken place and both adaptibility and permissiveness are dead-end streets. We must now fill the need with a sense of obligation and we must help adapt our environment to the best purposes of our religion and to the Canadian scene. We also should discover for ourselves the limits of adaption and assimilation, said Rabbi Plaut.

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Helpful tips for those planning Israel trip

Here are helpful tips on how best to enjoy your trip to Israel:

Q. On my forthcoming trip to Israel I plan to rent a car and travel on my own. Do I need a special driver's license in Israel, and also can I drive in the Sinai Desert?

A. Your Canadian driver's license is valid in Israel provided you are using a car rented from a licensed car rental agency. However, an International Driver's License is easily obtained in Toronto by visiting the offices of the Ontario Motor League (even if you are not a members, payment of $3.00 and presenting a photograph. You may drive around the Sinai Desert, on the new highway between Eilat and Sharm El Sheikh, and the road on the western side of the peninsula as well. Generally, it is advisable to check with the nearest Government Tourist Information Office to make sure the roads are open, especially in the rainy season November - March. Gas stations, and restaurants are available in the Sinai, and the road signs are in Hebrew and English.

Q. I am planning a trip to Israel and plan to carry with me at least 10 rolls of color film for my camera. Will any of the detection equipment used by the airlines damage my film?

A. To the best of our knowledge none of the airlines use any detection equipment that may harm your films, even if stored in the cargo hold of the plane. Do note, however, that your camera will be inspected on departure at Lod Airport and it would be advisable that it be empty so that if the officers decide to open it to check for incendiary devices no films will be exposed.

Q. What innoculations are necessary for travel in Europe and Israel?

A. You do not need any innoculation to enter Israel. If you are a resident of Canada for at least 14 days prior to your trip to Israel you do not need any innoculation at all either coming to or from Israel. However, it is necessary to have a smallpox vaccination in order to return to Canada after a stop in Europe. It is best taken here before departure and is given free at the Department of Health clinics, calling your local department. the locations can be found by

Israel tours to cost less

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol said last week that American tourists travelling to Israel next winter on 10-day package tours will pay $120 less than last winter's minimum package fare.

An agreement to that effect was reached at a meeting between Kol and the director of El Al, Mordechai Ben Ami. According to Kol, the Israeli Hotel Association and Israel travel agents were also partners to the agreement. The readiness to cut winter rates is part of a national effort to increase tourism.

Most Russians stay in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The absorption ministry has estimated that four per cent of the Russian immigrants arriving in Israel have decided to re-emigrate to other countries, compared to eight per cent of all other immigrants who have decided to leave.

Something new is added on unique Israel cruise

MIAMI, FLA.—The TSS Mardi Gras' 41-day cruise to the Holy Land promises to be one of the most unique sailings in recent cruise ship history.

Ted Arison, president of Carnival Cruise Lines (and a former colonel in the Israeli army), has arranged for every passenger to be able to plant a tree in Israel as a lasting memento of the cruise. But the highlight of the trip for many will be the opportunity to attend New Year's services at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Seven full days will be spent in Israel.

Passengers aboard the 27,250-ton Mardi Gras, which departs from Miami September 8, will visit some of the most interesting ports in the entire "fair winds" passage. These include the Azores, Naples, Piraeus, Haifa, Livorno, Palma and Madeira. Many special events are planned. The most exciting of these will be a series of fiestas, toasting the various ports of call, and featuring renowned Italian, Greek, and Israeli entertainment.

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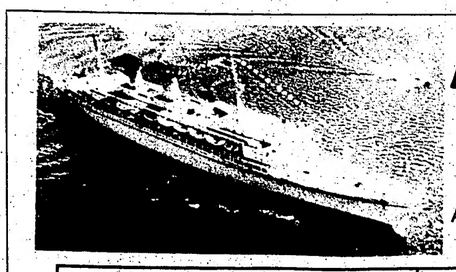

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Monique Mecure, Candy Kane and Araby Lockhart share a laugh in the play "Les Belles-Soeurs." CJN critic Lynn Slotkin says the story is interesting but tends to be confusing.

Too many ideas lead to play's confusion

theatre review

By LYNN SLOTKIN

Michael Tremblay ultimately fails in his play, **Les Belles-Soeurs**, at the St. Lawrence Centre. He tries to comment on so many ideas--escape from loneliness and depression, economically poor Quebec struggling to survive in economically wealthy English Canada, and old, religious Quebec fighting itself and young, profane Quebec--that he ends up saying little that is clear and a lot that is confusing. Some of Tremblays' themes are reminiscent of his play, **Forever Yours, Marie-Lou**, a success at the Tarragon earlier this year, but the clarity in **Marie-Lou** is not in **Les Belles Soeurs**.

The story is an interesting one. A housewife, Germaine, wins a million trading stamps in a lottery, and invited her two sisters-in-law and assorted lady friends to a come-and-stick-the-stamps-in-the-books party.

It soon becomes apparent that Germaine dislikes her guests for one reason and another, but they are 'free labor' and that is why she invites them. It is also apparent that the ladies dislike Germaine because she undeservingly is blessed with these stamps, and they are not. They come to steal her prize.

Germaine soon realizes this, demands that the thieves return their booty; they turn on her and steal the rest of the stamps, plus most of the furniture in the house. But Germaine miraculously gets her reward and the last laugh.

Initially Tremblay's symbolism seems clear. Germaine is 'fat' (figuratively and literally) English Canada who gets all the spoils, while the other women represent Quebec, trying to survive economically and getting nothing. Their answer is to steal as much as they can. However, at the end of the play Eng
play English Canada still gets her 'reward, and here Tremblay becomes ambiguous. What is his point? Not only does the play not seem to offer a solution, but also it doesn't pose a question, except, what did Tremblay want to say? Several times in the production, O Canada is sung, and almost every time it is performed by a doddering, senile, wheelchair ridden woman. What is the symbolism here? Tremblay, who refuses to have his plays performed in English, in Quebec, is trying to say something, but the confusion gets in the way.

Andre Brassard's direction does little to clarify the script. When he and Tremblay aren't being vague about their reasoning, they are being cute for comic effect. At times the cast will come out of character and break into such ditties as **Ode to Bingo** and a lament for Therese Dubuc, one of the guests. The songs are guaranteed cheap laughs. Indeed, Brassard seems to be directing his cast for laughs by having them stomp, and 'charge' around the stage.

Candy Kane presents Germaine as a sort of vaudeville character, complete with exaggerated walk, arm movements and facial expressions, topped off by a loud, whiney voice.

Melanie Morse has some moments of genuine emotion as Pierrette, but Miss Morse seems too conscious of her height and body movements, and she doesn't seem to have enough energy left to give an even performance.

Some of the other actresses do rise above Tremblay's rather cardboard characters and give superlative performances. Monique Mercure is bitter and impassioned as Rose; Maureen Fitzgerald is poignant and sad as Mlle Verrette; Patricia Hamilton is touching as the frustrated Angeline; and Nancy Kerr is totally credible as the prim, proper, and straightlaced Rheauna.

Somewhere past the confusion and the cheap, shoddy direction, is an interesting production, but the present offering of **Les Belles-Soeurs** at the St. Lawrence Centre is not.

Religious content attracts Bujold to concert Kaddish

music review

By RICK KARDONNE

A truly religious confrontation with God is the spirit of Leonard Bernstein's **Kaddish**. It is a searching for an explosion of passionate reverence; a feeling of 'I will create you; you will create me.' "

This feeling is what has attracted Canada's foremost movie actess, Genevieve Bujold, to be the narrator for a performance of Bernstein's most famous serious musical composition by the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, under the direction of Elmer Iseler, this coming Wednesday, April 18, at Massey Hall.

At a preliminary Toronto press conference, Miss Bujold explained that **Kaddish** was a completely new avenue of expression for her, and that she wanted very much to say what **Kaddish** says. The idea of being bathed by a choir of more than 100 singers particularly captivated her.

Asked whether or not **Kaddish** as a Jewish choral work was personally religiously relevant to Miss Bujold, who grew up in a formal Catholic background, she replied in the affirmative because Bernstein's work retains a sweeping, pure, universal religiosity of simultaneous oneness yet apartness from God. She does not approve of the empirical demystification of "pop" religion; she criticized a New York Catholic mass in Montreal, which tried to be "folksy," as lacking any meaningful dialogue between man and God, be it ritualistic or emotional.

Turning to questions dealing with her own career, Miss Bujold announced she will appear in a Montreal French-language stage production of the Cuban play **Them**, a two-character drama dealing with a couple, both of whom have passed by a great love.

She is becoming increasingly restless with certain aspects of modern-day filmmaking. "So much of a movie is out of my control as the actress; it is solely in the hands of the director and editor," she explained, going on to state her belief that the audience should experience the entire movie process of up to 50 hours of shooting time and not only the 90 minutes of finished product. Eventually, in the distant future, Miss Bujold would like to direct, and experiment with such new forms and approaches.

She praised Marlon Brando for rejecting his Oscar (so do I) but attacked Jane Fonda's insincerity for accepting hers in 1972 after lambasting the Hollywood system for so long.

Asked about French Canadian cinema, Miss Bujold saw in Quebec a bright future; a cultural coming-of-age parallel to the upsurge of political self-determination in La Bell Province. (She stars in Claude Jutra's current success **Kamouraska**.) Quebec cinema need not be mutually incompatible with that of the rest of North America, but Miss Bujold does feel that many Quebec works lose their impact in translation.

However, **Kaddish**, if translated into French, would not; its anger, resolution and fearlessness are linguistically universal, and a French-language performance in Montreal with the Mendelssohn Choir would be highly desirable, not only for the benefit of Quebec as a whole, but especially for Montreal's Francophile Jews.

The original idea for presenting **Kaddish** by the Mendelssohn Choir was proposed by Seijo Ozawa over five years ago. At last, this idea has come to fruition. With Genevieve Bujold as the narrator, the evening of April 18 at Massey Hall should be a truly memorable one.

What happens to humans when our old world ends?

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

HOW THE WORLD WILL END by Daniel Cohen; McGraw - Hill Book Company.

How will the world end? This question, in one form or another, haunts the consciousness of modern man.

Apart from the threat of thermonuclear war, there are a number of horrendous possibilities. A giant comet might crash into earth demolishing everything in its path and expunging all life. A supernova might explode in space subjecting all humanity to a lethal dose of cosmic radiation.

The reversal of the earth's magnetic field (a fairly recent scientific discovery) might trigger intense geologic activity. This could bring about major climatic changes resulting in mass extinction. A new ice-age might squeeze us into an ever-smaller portion of the earth and eventually freeze us all to death.

Not to be overlooked in this melancholy catalogue are earthquakes, volcanoes, meteorites, pollution and overpopulation.

The author, opposed to all "catastrophe" theories, maintains that our world has a pretty good chance to survive. However, our sun is now some 4.5 billion years old and astronomers estimate that it has a total lifespan of 10 billion years. This means that in another five billion years or so the reserves of nuclear fuel at the sun's core will be exhausted and the sun will begin to die. Fortunately, this is not a cause for immediate concern.

The first portion of this mind-stretching exploration is concerned with zealous individuals or groups who believed that the world was just about to come to an end. These Henny Penny's of history have included fanatical religious sects, followers of the faith healer, Edgar Cayce and devout adherents of the theory of the lost world of Atlantis. These prophets of doom are much with us today and the cries of these Cassandras will certainly become shriller in the years to come.

In the Midrash there is the view expressed that God creates the world and destroys it every 6,000 years. The Apocalyptic literature in referring to the "end of days" describes a gigantic battle between the forces of heathendom led by God and Magog and the hosts of Israel. The true Messiah will redeem the dead from Sheol and all the sons of Israel will partake in the glory of his kingdom.

Daniel Cohen writes in a popular vein and is content with a rather slight examination of some very complex scientific problems. However, he provides us with an opportunity to stimulate our imaginations to the very limits of human knowledge. He ends on a hopeful note, long before the earth dies, man will have found the ingenuity to flee to another part of the galaxy. Spaceship anyone?

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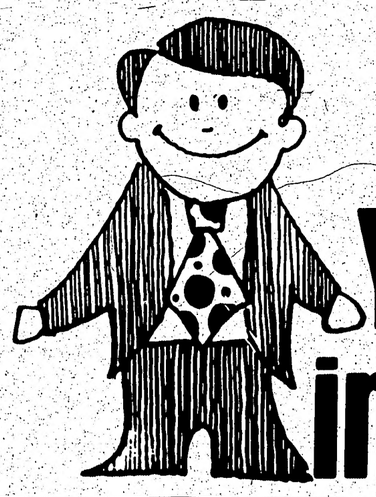

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Educator is critical of teachers and students for lack of knowledge about Israel

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL—

A leading American Jewish educator warned here last week that there is an "abysmal" ignorance about Israel among student youth.

"We believe that there is no lasting impression without some sound information that has to accompany it," said Dr. Elazer Goelman, dean of Gretz College in Philadelphia.

Dr. Goelman emphasized that Israel is simply not another emerging nation like in Asia or Africa, and it is, he said, "the only country in the world that has a legitimate birth certificate signed by 32 nations."

Israel was one of several subjects discussed at the annual teachers convention attended by some 425 staff members from Montreal's day and afternoon institutions.

More than 5,000 students are enrolled in the city's day schools, representing one of the highest proportional figures in North America, and students are instructed in both secular and non-secular subjects.

Dr. Goelman recommended that as a subject, Israel should be taught using both the integrated and separate techniques. He said teachers should get their historical facts straight and not rely on simplistic "miracle" explanations.

The teachers' conference was sponsored by the principals' council of the Association of Jewish Day Schools, and the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools in association with the Canadian Jewish Congress', Allied Jewish Community Services', and the Canadian Zionist Federation's education committee.

Of changes in the Quebec education structure, Congress Eastern Region Director Dr. Samuel Lewin said that in a society which has Catholic and Protestant public schools "it would be only natural" for the Jewish community to strive for a similar recognition of the Jewish faith.

"By a conscious and determined decision, the Jewish community rejected this option, in order not to fragmetize education any further. Hoping for the day when the Province of Quebec will have a unified school system with linguistic options open to everyone, the Jewish community adopted the policy that one school system is better than two, but two school systems are better than three."

Dr. Elazer Goelman, dean of Gretz College in Philadelphia

North York's libraries-on-wheels— serve all, from shut-ins to children

TORONTO—

Many North York residents enjoy regular library services but never set foot inside a library.

These are people who, for some reason, are unable to get far from their homes—mothers with very young children, people with no means of transportation, and the elderly. And because these people can't get to the library, the library has taken a lesson from Mohammed's mountain and gone out to them instead. Mobilizing a library sounds like a tall order, but that's just what has been done three times over in North York. The result is bookmobiles.

Each bookmobile is a 60-foot trailer unit, a library-on-wheels taking thousands of books around the borough. Painted bright purple with gaily-colored flowers, the bookmobiles are easily recognized when making their regular stops for a few hours each week at schools and shopping plazas.

The idea of using bookmobiles started about 20 years ago, before the present system of small community branch libraries of which there are now nine in the borough, began. And although there are now 14 libraries altogether in the North York system, there is still a need for bookmobiles.

There are now three bookmobiles, based at Don Mills, Downsview and York Woods libraries. Their schedules are arranged so that they visit those areas furthest from libraries with high residential populations. They are run by teams of three members of the regular library staff, and one of each team must take a course in tractor-trailer driving.

Louis Briestensky is in charge of one of the teams on the Don Mills bookmobile. "Once people know where and when the bookmobile comes to their area they often become regular patrons," he says. "It's often easier for them to get to a bookmobile than to a library, and by a system of reserves we can offer almost a complete range of library services."

The inside of the bookmobile trailer is like a miniature library. Every square inch of wall space is taken up by bookshelves, and there are small check-in and charge-out desks.

All that is needed to use the bookmobile is a library card and anyone who doesn't have one already can get one at the bookmobile. The other thing is to find a convenient bookmobile stop by calling one of the three libraries mentioned or dropping by any branch and picking up a schedule.

Each bookmobile carries approximately 3,500 books, about half of which are for children. Many of the scheduled stops are at public schools, such as Hillmount, Lillian and Faywood, so there is heavy demand for children's books of all kinds.

The bookmobiles also carry a large number of books referred to by librarians as 'XYZs,' or books for the very young. These include picture - books, alphabet books and reading primers and are kept on the lower shelves where children can reach them.

For adults, Mr. Briestensky explains that there is plenty of fiction plus a good selection of popular non-fiction. "Our fiction is mostly recent," he says, "with a few classics and some older fictional material for our older patrons who we know will enjoy them. There are also a few foreign language books."

The non-fiction selection is somewhat limited due to space restrictions. "It's mostly on subjects of fairly wide interest," Briestensky says, "including things like travel, health, yoga, car repair, ecology, wildlife, shorthand and so on."

Besides its own collection, each bookmobile has access via its 'home base' library to any book in the North York system. Anyone who wants a book not on the bookmobile shelves simply fills out a reserve slip and the book will be found, if necessary, it will be borrowed from another library in the Metro Toronto system.

The reference collection in each bookmobile is minimal, including very general works such as **The Canada Year Book**, a few dictionaries and almanacs and a set of encyclopedia. This is implemented by a unique on-the-spot reference service. Provided a question is not too lengthy, the bookmobile staff can call their home base library via a radio-telephone system and ask a reference librarian to find the answer.

"This service is most useful to students," Briestensky says, "but it can be of use to anyone looking for small items of information. On lengthier questions, we can order reference material to be photocopied and then bring it out on the next visit a week later, if there is no rush for it. There is no charge if the person returns the copy to us when he has finished with it."

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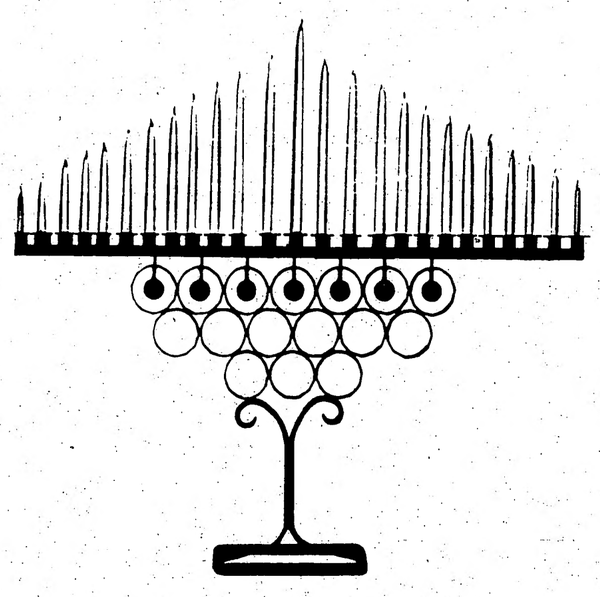
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Veteran community worker Gordon Mendly will be presented with a special award by the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund at a dinner marking Israel's 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 6, at New Murray House. The award will be presented in recognition of Mendly's "selfless and untiring efforts on behalf of Israel and our local Jewish community during the 25 years since the establishment of the state of Israel.

The dinner is being held to pay tribute to the many organizations, societies and landsmanshaften which have participated in the annual UJA campaign. Mendly is chairman of the division. Phil Givens, MPP, will be guest speaker.

Gordon Mendly

Gordon Mendly has worked for Zionist causes as far back as he can remember... even as a youngster in Poland.

As chairman of the UJA's organizations division, he keeps contact with close to 130 organizations to solicit their support for the campaign. Until he helped organize the division four years ago, the UJA relied on organizations to make unsolicited gifts from their treasuries. But he took a more positive stance and organizations now not only make treasury gifts but canvass their members who are not solicited through other divisions of the campaign.

Mendly is actively involved in the Jewish community, attending as many as two or three meetings a day. His wife, Sarah, shares his enthusiasm for community involvement.

Joe King, public relations director for Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal, will broadcast live from Jerusalem for CFCF Radio on May 7. He joins a contingent of 80 leaders of the Combined Jewish Appeal led by Simon Cobrin and associate Cecil Pascal, who will attend Israel's 25th anniversary.

Kashruth Supervision

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TORONTO-

The Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress was successful in arranging kashruth supervision for Passover of hundreds of products.

As in previous years, the Kashruth committees arranged supervision at the Jewish Home for the Aged; The New Mount Sinai Hospital, Acme Nursing Home, etc., and made available take-out foods for Passover for Jewish consumers requring this service.

At the request of the Social Planning Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, supervision and certification was arranged for a Seder the second night of Passover for approximately 150 elderly persons at the Jewish Women's Council House, 4700 Bathurst Street. Members of the Social Planning Committee offered their assistance in the preparation of the kitchens for the Seders and a mashgiach was assigned to supervise the koshering of the stove and other equipment necessary.

Inspections were made at manufacturing plants and other units and establishments processing for Passover as far as Ottawa and Windsor, and mashgichim were assigned to all these units by the office. In the Ottawa district, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, and in the Windsor area, Rabbi Samuel S. Stollman assisted in these arrangements.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder, the chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, who was ill for some time, was able to direct the Passover arrangements and procedures and inspected various units under supervision for Passover. A special memorandum of instructions and directions prepared by Rabbi Felder with the assistance of N. Shemen, the director of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, was circulated to all units and establishments under supervision for Pesach.

Learning about Passover

Group holds Seder workshop

By CAROLE HOLLANDER

TORONTO-

Fifty-five members of the Jewish Information Class and contestants of Temple Emanu-El learned and understood the Passover Seder better, thanks to the hard-working members of Temple Emanu-El who held a Passover workshop.

A Seder table was set up which included all the things one would find on their own Passover table. Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld discussed how this table could be organized and he also discussed the symbolism, old traditions and customs. He also explained how these can be applicable today.

The participants of the Workshop, said Mrs. Jean Bassin, festivals chairman for Temple Emanu-El sisterhood, is to gain new insight and ideals and to learn how to conduct the Seder in such a way as to express its meaning for everyone. It was extremely interesting and informative," said Mrs. Bassin.

There were also tables set up with all kinds of Passover foods and everyone sampled whatever they wished. Recipes for Passover were also provided and Rabbi Bielfeld told of some games that could be played.

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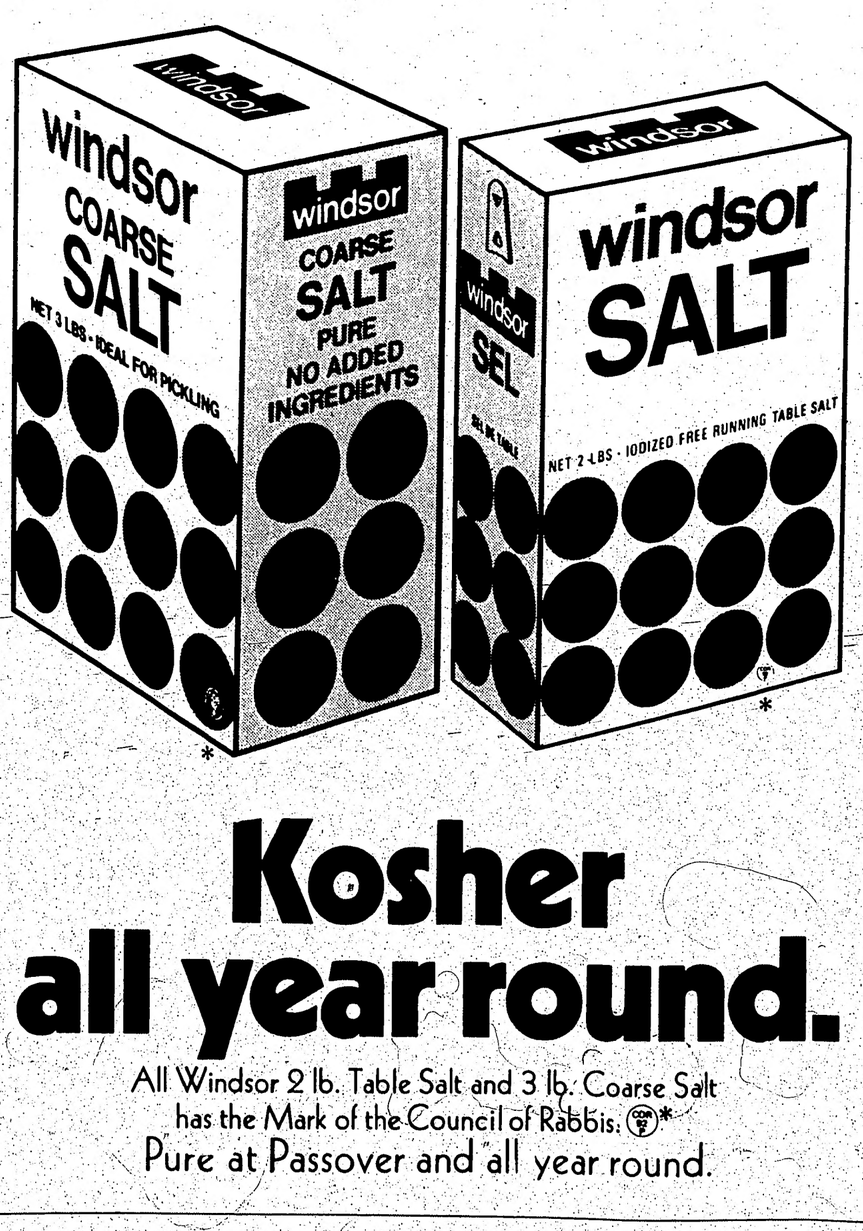

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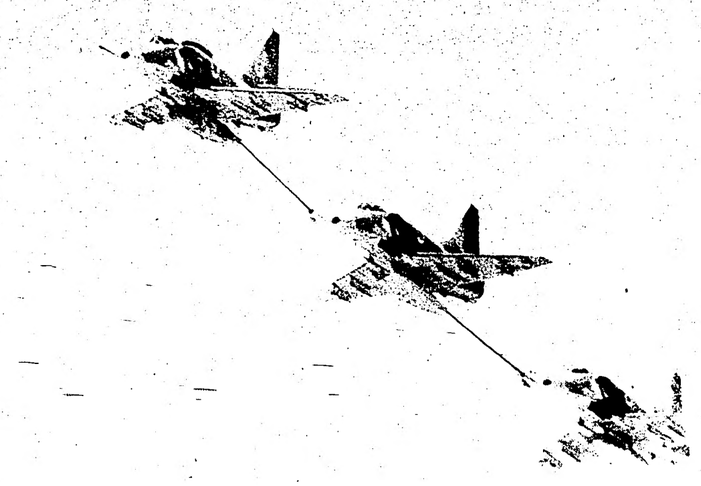

Skyhawk jets are pictured refuelling in an impressive fly-past which will be repeated next July on Air Force Day. Newer versions of the Skyhawks, as well as the latest in Phantoms and other warcraft will be on display for the first time at this year's exhibition.

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL
JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

While one Israeli newspaper welcomed the report that the United States was to help Israel in the production of her own fighter aircraft--a so-called Super-Mirage said to be powered with a Phantom engine--there has been no confirmation of such a deal from any official source.

Nor is there likely to be. Israel has never reacted to reports which have been circulating in the world press, particularly specialist journals published in the U.S., for the past 18 months that she is building her own fighter aircraft.

Specific mention has been made abroad of three different projects. One was said to have involved re-equipping the Mirage III, in service with the Israeli Air Force before the French embargo in 1967, with the Phantom engine.

The second was said to be a supersonic fighter, based on the Mirage V, on which the Israelis worked with the French firm of Dassault before the embargo which halted an order for 50 of them, also powered with the Phantom engine.

This has even been given a name in some foreign newspapers -- Barak, meaning Lightning. It has been credited with a payload of four to six tons, a speed above Mach 2.5 and displaying short take off and landing capabilities.

An even more advanced version of this aircraft is said to be equipped with special electronics enabling it to operate at night and in bad weather with an operational range of 460 miles.

That Israel has sought and succeeded in many other fields of warfare to be independent of outside sources is no secret. She recently launched her first missile boat and has already displayed improved versions of a number of weapons, such as tanks and rocket batteries, either imported from abroad or captured from the Egyptians during the Six Day War.

Her defence industry probably has a few more surprises up its sleeve with which to greet the nation on its forthcoming 25th anniversary. But the Barak jet fighter, if it exists, is unlikely to be one of them.

Foreign reports suggest that the first models will not start reaching the air force for some 18 months to two years. This would explain Israel's interest in ensuring continuing supplies of American Phantoms and Skyhawks.

That Israel has the ability to build aircraft herself has already been amply demonstrated by Israel Aircraft Industries which is marketing the Arava and Commodore Jet aircraft and which produces the Gabriel missile, widely-recognized as the finest sea-to-sea missile in service in the West.

Both the Arava and Commodore are small projects and, in terms of supersonic fighters, unsophisticated. But they demonstrate the existence of both technical know-how and physical facilities for the construction of something more ambitious.

Technically, Israel has shown increasing interest in educating a corps of aeronautical specialists. Last year, the Technion in Haifa added aircraft control and guidance experiments to others in the sphere of applied research and experimental work on turbulence, aircraft production and other aspects of flight.

Aviation specialists from abroad have joined its home team and students from the department of aeronautical engineering last year spent their vacations either in aeronautical industries, the department's laboratories or, in the case of fourth-year students, undertaking practical training in French aircraft industries.

No one has ever denied that Israel either has or is fact acquiring the capability to build everything from an advanced airframe to an advanced jet engine.

But if she is building the advanced jet which foreign reports suggest, Israel will reveal it--as she has other weapons--at the time of her own choosing. And, if experience is any guide, by then she will be engaged in some even more sophisticated and elaborate project.

Bold new program introduced to combat poverty in Israel

RAMAT-GAN-

A program has been instituted for the rapid removal of pockets of poverty in Israel through the liquidation of poor quarters, the provision of suitable work and the establishment of a broad educational network. This was outlined recently by Yigal Allon, deputy prime minister and minister of education, while speaking to students at Bar-Ilan University.

Allon was the guest of the university and the students' council. He met with heads of the university, the senate and the executive of the Students' Representative Council. He toured the School of Education and attended a luncheon given in his honor.

Allon replied to students at a 90-minute question-and-answer session in a packed Schleiffer Auditorium. He defended the nomination of Professor Ephraim Katchalski for the presidency. In reply to a question on the education of the youth in Jewish values, Allon denied that the younger generation lacked ties with their people and country.

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Israeli women are bypassed when it comes to executive jobs

By RAYAH NEVO

JERUSALEM—

When Aliza Ben - Or applied for the post of director of manpower in a leading industrial enterprise in Ashkelon, she was "in luck," as she says, because no man was found suitable for the job. As she puts it, "The director weighed things this way: 'I found no man suitable for the post now, so I'll take a woman meantime, and when a suitable man comes along, I'll transfer her to another job.'"

"But when a person is already working"--Aliza is the only woman in Israel in charge of manpower in a large industrial concern--"there is no difference between man and woman, apart from the fact that the woman in a senior position is always looked upon with contempt, whereas a man is 'a director by dint of innate ability,' so that his only problem is to be accepted for the post, while a woman candidate must exert much more effort and be able to prove that she is far better, otherwise it is the men who will always be preferred."

Aliza Ben-Or was speaking in a debate on the place of women in senior administrative posts, which was arranged recently by the Working Mothers Association. The question under discussion was: Are senior administrative posts open to women? Are women interested in filling these posts? Have they the required qualifications?

According to Zohar Karti, director of the Women's Employment Unit in the ministry of labor, very few women have reached top positions in the country. There is the prime minister of course, and several members of the judiciary, among whom not one has been promoted to the bench of the Supreme Court; the director of the Space Laboratory in the University of Tel Aviv, and one director general of a government department (the comptroller's office). Numerical data concerning the functions of women in the Israel economy are not available, but a survey of administrative posts in government service presents a fairly reliable picture of the situation as a whole.

Most women workers (48 per cent of employees in the administrative grades) are graded in the lower brackets as typists, telephone operators, etc. In the semi-senior grades, women constitute only 18 per cent, whereas in the senior positions they account for only 3 1/2 per cent. At a recent annual convention of some 70 directors of units in the ministry of labor, representing some 500 workers, only five were women.

According to Dr. Dina Feitelson, lecturer in the School of Education at the Hebrew University, of the students registering for courses leading to a first degree, women constitute about half of the student body. In courses leading to a second degree, they account for only one quarter of the number, whereas for the doctorate, their proportion is much smaller. "The continuation of their studies is conditional on possibilities of maintenance. A professor interested in a student continuing his studies offers him an assistantship so as to enable him to maintain himself, and these posts generally are offered to men because women, who are generally married by then, have someone to care for them."

There are no women serving as general inspectors in the ministry of education, and not even one women district inspector.

"Ten years ago the post of teacher counsellor, not entailing inspector's rights, was established in the ministry. Four women were appointed to these posts, and they continue in the same grade to the present date, not one of them having been raised to an inspectorship, although many of the men counsellors have received such appointments over the years," Dr. Feitelson is of the opinion that even on university teaching staffs, men rise far more quickly than women do.

Dr. Miriam Barad, lecturer at Beersheba University, spoke of an inquiry she instituted several years ago concerning women in senior administrative posts in order to find out whether men and women possessed of equal potentialities succeed in attaining positions of equality. Her inquiry showed that men and women of the same educational background and of the same seniority advanced differently from the point of view of salaries, administrative authority and the type of posts they filled. The percentage of women reaching administrative and supervisory positions was smaller during the first years of work, but as the seniority increased, their percentage equalled that of men.

The question was whether women aspired to attain senior administrative positions. According to Dr. Barad, such inclinations are to be traced already when the choice of profession is made at student level. The number of women choosing professions that are likely to lead to administrative posts such as economics, laws, engineering, etc., is small. Those choosing these professions aspire to attain senior positions like the men, but they seem to lack the necessary push. Unlike men, they prefer work providing interest and variety to work that ensures speedy advancement.

In a questionnaire completed by women candidates for a post, not one indicated that she would threaten to resign if she were not promoted. All of them remained satisfied with either "I'll wait until the position is offered to me," or, "I'll hint at it."

Among the group of woman teachers participating in this inquiry, no aspirations for principalships were noted. Women apparently renounce such posts in advance. "I personally find myself in a similar position," Dr. Barad said. "I graduated in chemical engineering at the Technion, and began working in industry. Very soon, however, I found out that in order to obtain a position of responsibility I would have to wait for many years. I tried to fight, but gave up and turned to some other field." Incidentally, her inquiry served as her Master's dissertation.

During the debate on the objective and subjective reasons for the existing situation, some claimed that it was impossible to develop two careers in one and the same family simultaneously.

If the advancement of the woman entailed her moving to another town, she would generally give up her post because her family would not move to a different locality on her account. If it's a question of taking a year's leave in order to undertake further study, it is always the man who goes out, even though the woman may be equally eligable."

According to Dafna Yisraeli, an anthropologist at Tel Aviv University, the "root of the trouble" is to be traced to the early stages of a child's development. The girl plays with dolls, and has no access to games which boys play. The books for tiny tots and textbooks for the first classes of primary school always speak of the father going out to work and of the mother remaining at home to cook and bake. The result is that even the most liberal husband permits his wife to go out to work in addition to all her household duties.

In the opinion of Dr. Dina Feitelson, this friction arises from unrequited expectations. "The state arose on the principles of complete equality: women fought, flew planes, worked in agriculture, just as the men did, and it was expected that this principle would continue. But recently one notices greater stress being put on femininity, even among members of kibbutzim, and even the factor that contributed most to the development of equality -- the army -- now develops a barrier by creating essentially women's functions."

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The Jewish source warned that while the exit tax was currently being waived in some cases, there remained a group of scientists, academicians and professionals who have been informed by Soviet authorities that they would never be permitted to leave the USSR. Four of the academicians -- Dina Berliner, engineer; Victor Brailovsky, medical cybernetist; Yevsei Ratner, plant physiologist; and Vitaly Rubin, an expert in Chinese history--issued an appeal to the West urging that they not be forgotten. Even if they could raise the huge sums required under the diploma tax requirement, the four warned, they would be denied permission to emigrate.

The two men arrested in Tbilisi are brothers, Isai and Gregory Goldshtein. Two weeks ago, their apartment was searched by the Soviet police and allegedly "subversive" material was confiscated, including tapes for Hebrew language study, a Hebrew grammar and a Hebrew conversation manual.

The conversation with Moscow was punctuated by numerous questions on the current status of the Jackson - Vanik bill to deny American trade concessions to the USSR as long as the diploma tax was in effect. Soviet Jews are eagerly following--and wholeheartedly support--congressional legislation regarding the right to emigrate from the Soviet Union, the Moscow source declared.

Entrance regulations postponed

JERUSALEM (JTA)-

A series of regulations curtailing the privileges of new immigrants to import foreign goods duty free will be postponed for six months, it was learned this week.

The finance ministry, which had originally urged the restrictions, has recommended to the Knesset finance committee that implementation of the new regulations be deferred until Jan. 1, 1974, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by a ministry source. The regulations were to go into effect this July 1.

The Knesset committee is expected to accept the recommendation. A finance ministry spokesman stressed, however, that the postponement did not imply abandonment of the restrictions. "After Jan. 1 there is nothing anyone can do any more," he said.

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"Shalom – Israel at Yorkdale" was great! And you, the Volunteers, helped to make it so—it was truly a credit to the Toronto Jewish Community and to the State of Israel!

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From that point on it was a series of lead parts for Buchman. "The critics raved over him in David Storey's Home, Rosen told The Canadian Jewish News.

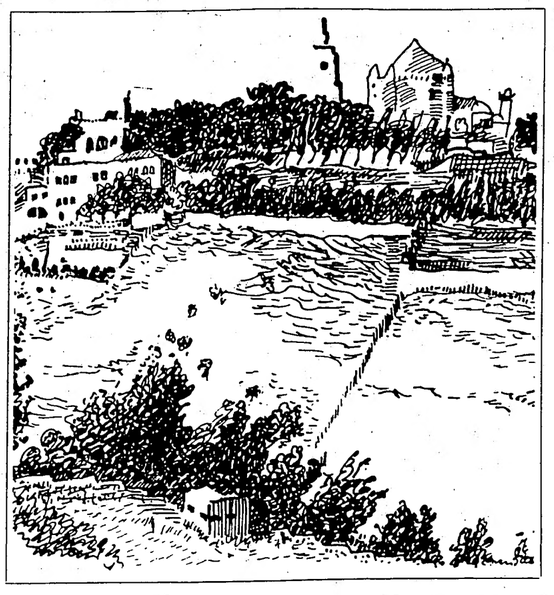
"In Elie Weisel's The Jews of Silence--in the part of the rabbi he opened up dimensions I never knew existed in the play."

Nachum Buchman's whole life revolves around the theatre and his family--his wife Hella (in Canada with him), daughter Liora and son Udi. The only thing that can be called an outside interest is his poetry, Rosen said. "He doesn't publish it, he just writes beautiful poetry."

Habima, founded in Moscow just after the Russian revolution, has its main base in Tel Aviv where it runs three separate theatres including a newly opened "experimental cellar."

Until a few years ago it was a co-operative, senior actors and administrative personnel all having equal rights and votes in the management. Today the theatre is in the hands of a board of trustees and Habima is a truly national Israeli institution in the hands of the government.

"We've come a long way since a few actors in Moscow founded a Jewish National Theatre 30 years before there was a Jewish state," Rosen said. "What better recommendation to world theatre do we need than Buchman, whose mother tongue is Russian, who acts in Hebrew and who hardly speaks English, being chosen by a top-rank British director to play Shakespeare in the Bard's own language?"



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Katchalsky

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disturbed, and has said so, by the growing social gap and what he has described as the elevation of the men of means over the men of spirit.

A life-long adherent, if not activist of the Labor movement, he sees a deterioration of the socialist ideal into the worst kind of capitalism in which the poor are getting poorer and the rich, richer.

He refuses to accept that Israel has no control over these developments and that everything can be blamed on outside factors. "He who wants to be a light unto the Gentiles," he remarked recently, "must begin with the standard of life here in Israel."

Married, with a son and a daughter, Professor Katchalsky has not been closely identified with any particular facet of religious life, unlike President Shazar who is a chasid of the Lubavitcher rebbe. But his constant references to Jewish ethics, the teachings of the prophets and matters of the spirit, suggest that he will do nothing offensive to the traditionally observant.

Error in judgment?

LONDON (JTA)-

A pro-Arab Labor MP accused the Royal Palace of having made "a serious error of judgment" in agreeing that the Duke of Edinburgh would address a Jewish National Fund dinner here May 7 marking the establishment of a forest in Israel in honor of the Queen's silver wedding anniversary. Prince Philip will speak at the dinner and will be presented with a special volume marking the event.

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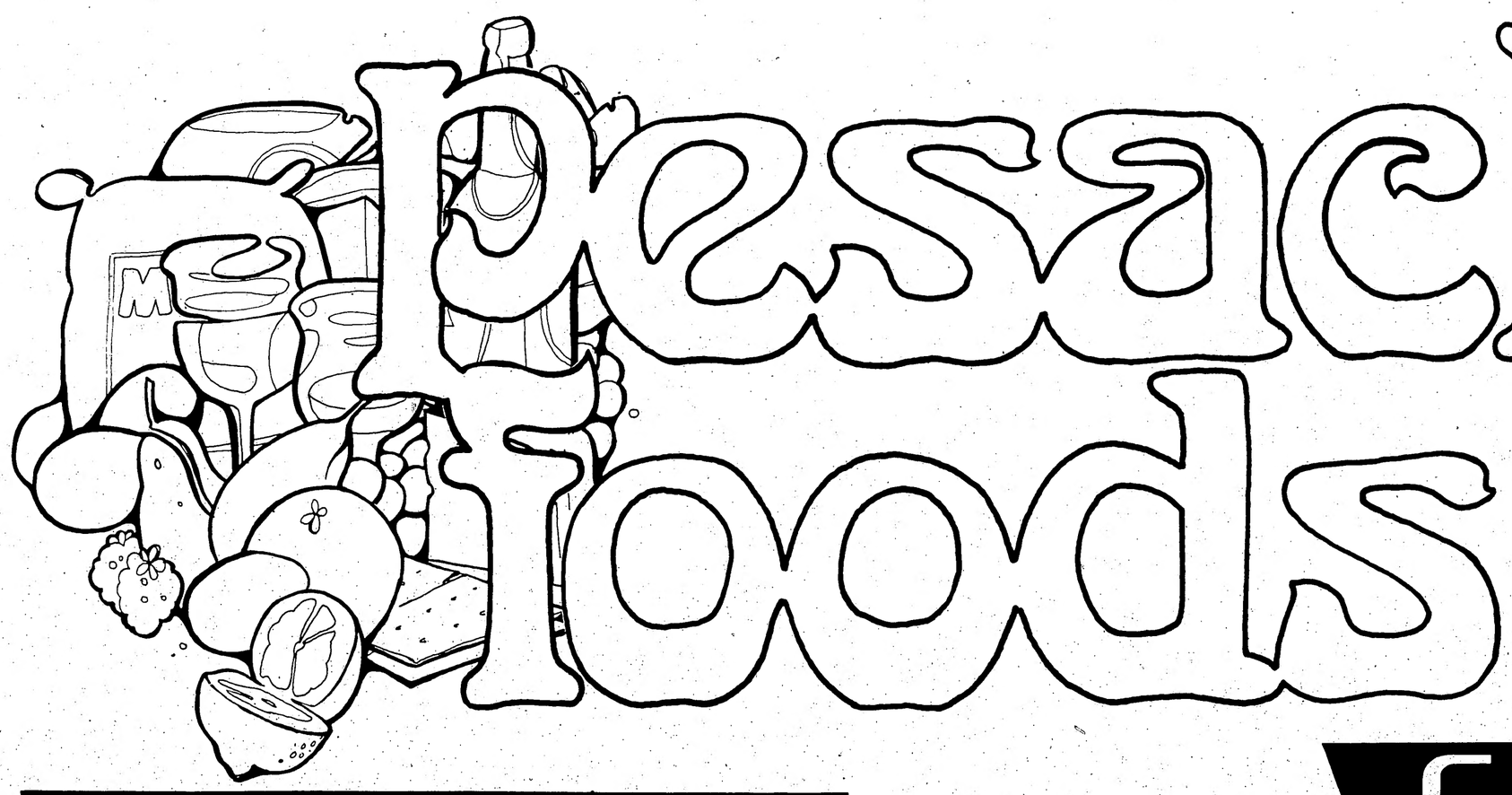

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Beth Sholom Brotherhood gives Monson humanitarian award

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

The 23rd Annual Humanitarian Award of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood was presented to Rabbi David Monson Monday night at a sumptuous banquet highlighted by the presence of political dignitaries and clergymen of all denominations.

Rabbi Monson, founding rabbi of Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue was honored for "splendid achievement in the field of humanitarian service to the Dominion of Canada and furthering the cause of brotherhood by being friend and benefactor to all men regardless of color, race, and creed."

Demonstrating a profound social conscience throughout his service to the Canadian Jewish community, Rabbi Monson distinguished himself as a chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War and has held positions on such bodies as the Canada Council, the Ontario Health Insurance Council, and the Correctional Services Committee of the Province of Ontario.

Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, who was the recipient of the Beth Sholom Brotherhood's Humanitarian Award in 1955, was to be the keynote speaker of the evening but could not attend because of illness.

In a personal telegram to Rabbi Monson, Diefenbaker praised him as a "scholar, soldier, rabbi, spiritual leader, and servant of the public.

"His life has been one of dedicated service," said Diefenbaker. "I salute him for everything he has done for the betterment of his fellow Canadians."

Mel Latchman, president of the brotherhood honored Diefenbaker with the announcement that 18 trees are to be planted in the Jerusalem Peace Forest in tribute to him.

Lieutenant - Governor of the Province of Ontario, Ross McDonald accorded warm greetings in the Queen's name. Ontario Minister of Revenue Alan Grossman, hailed Rabbi Monson as the "peoples' rabbi" and Alderman Joseph Piccinnni represented Toronto's Mayor David Crombie who was unable to attend because of an emergency city council meeting.

Reverend Richard Jones, founder of the Canadian Association of Christians and Jews and recipient of the Brotherhood's Humanitarian Award in 1957, acted as guest speaker in Diefenbaker's absence.

"The rabbi has contributed more than any other spiritual leader of this country to the Canadian Association of Christians and Jews," said Reverend Jones.

On accepting the award, Rabbi Monson urged that religion "relate itself to the problems of today and strive to create better living conditions for all.

"We can make this country a Shangri-La if we work together in a spirit of brotherhood," pleaded Rabbi Monson.

Rabbi David Monson, shown here enjoying a joke with Ontario Lieutenant Governor W. Ross Macdonald, was honored by the Beth Sholom Brotherhood with the 23rd annual humanitarian award at a dinner tendered him this week. Former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, who was to have been guest speaker, was unable to attend because of a recent illness.

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Daniel Barenboim, celebrated Israeli concert pianist and conductor, who is acting as the festival's musical advisor, announced at a New York City press conference that programs will be held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, in the Roman ampitheatre at Caesarea, and at other locations throughout the country.

Featured among the performers will be such famous artists as Isaac Stern, Eugene Istomin, Itzak Perlman, Alexander Schneider, Pinchas Zuckerman, Jacqueline Du Pre, Leonard Rose, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Daniel Barenboim and Zubin Mehta.

Groups such as the Royal Ballet of London starring Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Piccola Scala of Milan and the Ballet Folklorico of Mexico will also be appearing.

Blocks of seats for each performance will be reserved for overseas visitors. Tourists may purchase tickets for these performances in Israel next summer upon presentation of their passports.

March in September

JERUSALEM-
Israel's famous three-day march will be held on September 17, 18 and 19 with marchers assembling on September 16, in this Israel's 25th anniversary year. The march, which in past years has been held in the spring, will take place in the fall this year so as not to conflict with the Independence Day military parade on May 7, 1973.

Every year, marchers from Israel and abroad hike and sing their way through the Judean Hills to Jerusalem. Last year, there were almost 25,000 hardy participants, including 1,500 from abroad. This year, in Israel's 25th anniversary year, more than 30,000 are expected to participate. Marchers who wish to participate should contact the Israel Government Tourist Office in January.

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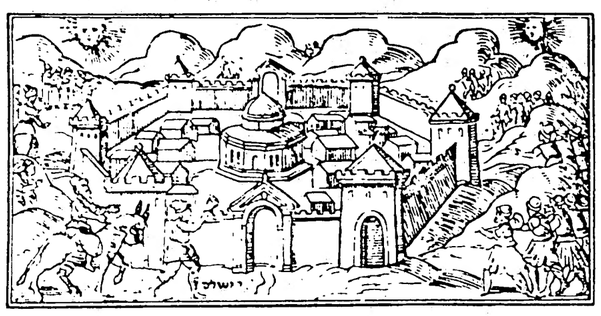

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Canadians settled in Israel to receive aid from special fund

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tinues to be most critical. I'm speaking now about housing of a standard which Canadians consider acceptable. As you may know, there are very few facilities available in Israel on a rental basis as we have become accustomed to in North America, and frequently, the Canadian comes to Israel with insufficient capital for investment in the purchase of an apartment. Mortgage loan funds up to 60 per-cent of the cost of the apartment are available from the Jewish Agency, but many times the Canadian immigrant simply cannot make financial arrangements for the balance. Second mortgages on property in Israel are virtually unknown.

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"Many times, our mortgage grants have meaning to the recipients in terms greater than making adequate housing available to them... has meaning in human terms. Our grants have made it possible for young people to marry, for individuals to find better employment opportunities. Clearly, our intervention at this critical point in their lives has meant the difference between adapting to the country or becoming disgruntled leading to eventual departure."

Granek pointed out that of the same 100 loans made to date, there have been no defaults and no late payments. He also revealed that the entire cost of operating was nine per cent in keeping with the raison d'etre of the program -- this figure determined the rate of interest charged.

The business and professional loan division of the program makes available to needy Canadians loans of up to $3,600, payable over a 5-year period at an interest rate of nine per cent. As with the mortgage fund, two guarantors are required.

"The only fixed rule we have in this part of the program," Granek stated, "is that we do not extend loans for the direct purchase of businesses. What we do is let the applicant tell us what he or she needs and why, and our committee makes its decision on the human needs expressed therein.

"Recently, we extended a loan to Canadians working on a settlement for the purchase of their own pickup truck which would help the workers get out into the fields and be used to bring produce to their marketing co-operative on a more punctual basis. It's a matter of helping Canadians in specific areas of endeavor where their chances of earning a livelihood will be considerably enhanced.

"Our small loans part of the program," Granek continued, "works in the same way, only the emphasis is on personal need. We extend loans to needy individuals on a straight three per cent administratrve service charge... loans up to IL 3,500 (about $875) payable within a three-year period... for a multitude of personal reasons and extenuating circumstances affecting the individual.

"We have had a number of applications from Canadians requiring medical attention. Recently, we made a loan to a needy Canadian couple who lived in a co-operative apartment in which the hot water equipment required replacement and therefore an investment of several thousand Israeli pounds from each resident.

"In all these situations," Granek concluded, "the criteria is immediate human need on a highly individual and personal level."

Brown explained the grants to student segment of the program. He pointed out that these grants were made to students at post-secondary institutions (nursery schools, physiotherapist training institutions, etc.) as well as at institutions of higher learning.

"The applications," Brown said, "are made by the student directly to the authorities of the institutions involved. The institutions make their recommendations (based on merit and need) to our Canadian Committee which makes the decision based on the information provided by the school authorities.

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Israel's metal industry accounts for about 25 per cent of the country's manufactured goods, and about 20 per cent of its industrial exports, according to Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir. He is quoted in the **News Bulletin of the Manufacturers Association of Israel**.

The **Bulletin** quotes a Bank of Israel survey as disclosing that taking all factors into account, private enterprise is more efficient and more profitable than collective and government enterprise. The survey states categorically that among the more profitable industrial firms, "private, family-owned enterprises predominate, as compared to publicly - owned companies.

"The most profitable branch, it appears, is food," the **Bulletin** article said.

Israel's second Food Week exhibit earlier this year showed the enormous progress made by the country's top producers of frozen foods, dehydrated products, canned goods and concentrates.

Israel to hold amateur tourney

CAESAREA–

The first Israel amateur invitational golf tournament will be held in Caesarea in November, 1973. The tournament, which according to its organizers is causing quite a sensation in Israel and the U.S., will pave the way for an increase in Israel golfing vacations by Americans. Mrs. Alice Cohen, of Par-Fore, Inc., West Orange, N.J. specialists in golf tournaments is now in Israel finalizing the arrangements. Eighty golfers from the United States are expected to compete along with Israeli golfers and celebrities.

Caesarea, which has Israel's only golf course, is also a popular Mediterranean resort town. Originally built by King Herod as a tribute to Rome's Augustus Caesar, the city abounds in Roman ruins, including a restored amphitheatre which every year hosts the Israel Festival. The Dan Caesarea Hotel, newly opened in March boasts a double Olympic size swimming pool, skin diving, tennis courts, horseback riding, as well as a private beach for swimming and sunbathing.

The tournament is being jointly sponsored by the Israel Ministry of Tourism and El Al Israel Airlines. Any inquiries should be addressed to Par-Fore, Inc., 446 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, New Jersey.

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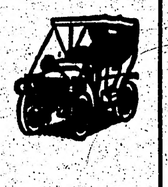
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Michael Neiburger, a close friend of the artist Boris Penson, gazes at one of the Penson paintings--a self portrait--which he succeeded in smuggling out of the Soviet Union.

Soviet prisoner's art exhibit sparks curiosity of activists

TORONTO–

The opening of the Boris Penson Exhibition, Art from a Soviet Prison on April 4th at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto was attended by a cross - section of local Jewish personalities active in the fight to free Soviet Jews and many individuals whose interest in modern art was spiced with curiosity about the young painter serving a sentence in a Soviet labor camp.

The evening show was opened by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut who introduced many of the guests including Sydney M. Harris, Q.C., chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry.

During the proceedings, a taped message was played of a conversation made earlier that day between the mother of Boris Penson, in Riga, Latvia and Joseph B. Salsberg, chairman of the Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry, Central Region. Mrs. Penson reviewed the activities of her son and his friends in Riga in the days preceding his arrest and pleaded for the assistance of the Western world for the release of her imprisoned son. Parts of the conversation were read by Genya Intrafor, chairman of the local group, Women for Soviet Jewry.

Mishna Neiburger of Kibbutz Hagolan in Israel and presently visiting the United States was introduced and spoke of his good friend Boris. Mishna has the task of organizing the exhibition for display throughout Canada and the United States.

The paintings, highly colored and dramatic, stark and modern reflections of existence in the notorious prisons of Russia will hang until April 26 when they are scheduled to be sent to Ottawa.

The exhibition in Toronto is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee of Holy Blossom Temple as well as Canadian Jewish Congress and special recognition must be extended to Mrs. Estelle Latchman, Mrs. Ruth Shuster, Mrs. Gerda Frieberg, Mrs. Roberta Bucovetsky, Arthur Gelber and the members of all groups involved in this exciting project. Petitions will be signed and forwarded to the prime minister of Canada and to Leonid Brezhnev, secretary general of the Soviet Communist Party.

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The United Israel Appeal of Canada is the Canadian affiliate and its president, Gordon Brown, of Montreal, is on the agency's board of governors. (The United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto is a partner with the United Israel Appeal in conducting the annual Toronto UJA-ISF campaign, which is now in progress.) Phil Granovsky, president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto, is on the budget and finance committee of the Jewish Agency.

The Jewish Agency is the instrument which administers the bulk of services to new immigrants in Israel and at its recent world assembly in Jerusalem, adopted an operating budget of $470,000,000 for the 1973-74 fiscal year. This is $100,000,000 more than was raised last year.

The fact that the countries who raise the funds required by the Jewish Agency can now share in the budgeting and decision-making regarding expenditures, has helped greatly in cementing relationships between the Jews of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora.

It is four years since the chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, Arye Pincus, obtained the endorsement of the Zionist Congress for—his plan to bring the general Jewish leadership into a reconstituted Jewish Agency. It is two years since the agreement was signed in the presence of President Shazar and Premier Meir.

In Pincus' opinion, the new agency "has lived up to what I hoped for. We have managed to fashion a genuine partnership over a wide field between those Jews who collect the money in the Diaspora and those who do the day-to-day work here.

Says Pincus: "Yes, I do think the agency in its reconstituted form, has really enabled the representatives of world Jewry to become involved in decision-making. It has given expression to the deepening interest of the Jewish communities in Israel's complex realities. When I say that, I mean not only in the financial aspects, but in our social problems."

Pincus believes that the people of the Diaspora have the fullest right to criticize Israel, as Israel has the right to criticize the Diaspora. What matters, he adds, "is where you say it and how it is said."

The complex of services for which the Jewish Agency is responsible is without parallel. It is Israel's philanthropic program, plus the services of what amounts to a department of the government. Each year the agency's budget is the subject of passionate debate in the Knesset. Jewish immigrants arriving in Israel from the Soviet Union at the rate of two per day. The number of more than 35,000 immigrants from the Soviet Union in 1972, tripled the number who came in 1971.

Together with meeting their housing, employment, health, social service, educational and cultural needs, the agency faces mountainous tasks of assisting other immigrants from countries of distress, and of closing the gap of previous immigrants from Asian and North African countries. Integrating into Israel's society the 20,000 disadvantaged youths who have dropped out of high school and "employment" bringing the agricultural settlements to independence so they will no longer need and from the agency, and dealing with a host of other needs.

According to Arye Dulzin, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, the budget should ideally be closer to $785,000,000 rather than the adopted budget of $470,000,000. "The gap between our income and our needs is tragic," he said. He predicts that hundreds of thousands of Jews will come to Israel in the next decade, severely straining the country's economy. "We will need $19 billion in the next 10 years—or else, God forbid, we shall fail," he declared.

Foes may meet at conference

ROME (JTA)–
Israelis and Palestinian guerrilla representatives may meet at the leftist-sponsored Bologna Conference on Peace in the Middle East scheduled for May 11-13 if El Fatah leader Yassir Arafat has his way and sends a Palestine Liberation Organization delegation.

A three-member investigatory team which visited Beirut, Damascus and Cairo, reported to a preparatory meeting of the conference that Arafat, the PLO head, was willing to send an ad hoc delegation, conference sources said. It would not be a formal PLO delegation, the sources said, since Arafat faces considerable opposition from within the organization to the idea of sending anyone at all.

The investigatory team, which arrived in Bologna from Cairo, comprised Remo Salati of Italy, Maurice Barth of France and Said Rifai of Egypt. The team reported it had been in contact with leaders from a wide political spectrum that included socialists, baathists and communists.

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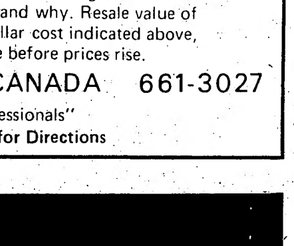

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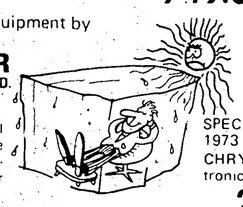

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Link between PLO and Black September is finally proven

By GEORGE GARAI
JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

It must be admitted, even at the expense that some heads in Jerusalem might swell, that the Israeli government has again been proven right. Its assertions for more than a year about the close link between the deceptively moderate and diplomatic Palestine Liberation Organization and the bloodthirsty, revenge-prone Black September terrorists have been, though in some cases grudgingly, accepted by Western authorities and the press as substantially correct.

Western observers who long suspected Israeli claims--though they must have been based on laboriously collected intelligence--now cannot but accept both the facts and the implicit admission by the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, that although the hands that killed at Lod, in Munich and Khartoum were those of Black Septemberists, the face was that of the PLO, of Al Fatah, its major component, and of Arafat himself, head of both.

In an interview in the Beirut weekly, Al Sayyad, after Khartoum, Arafat made no bones about the link.

"I see nothing strange in Fatah elements joining Black September," he stated. Even such circumspect admission did at last convince the previously cautious editors of The London Times, who in an editorial last week, came to the conclusion that Arafat's remarks "add substance to the allegations on German television by an anonymous Black September defector that there was no difference between Al Fatah and Black September."

The facts, as they are being slowly unveiled since Khartoum, provide cast-iron evidence of the organic link between the PLO and Black September. The PLO representative in the Sudan, Abu Fawaz, who fled to Libya a few hours before the storming of the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Khartoum, has been shown up as the local co-ordinator of that terrorist operation. A diary, handwritten instructions for the attack, and a draft sketch of the Saudi Embassy, which Fawaz apparently left behind in his office in the mad rush to escape the obvious consequences, clearly incriminate him.

It has also been proven that the final decision to kill the three Western hostages (two Americans and a Belgian) came in a coded radio message from Beirut, from Salah Khalef, better known by admirers of the Palestinian cause as the comparatively moderate and scholarly, detached Fatah theoretically, Abu Ayad.

Although Khalef has denied association with Black September, reliable sources have repeatedly linked his name to that terrorist group. Jordanian intelligence accused Khalef of being behind last November's plot to assassinate King Hussein, and he was mentioned in the public confession on Jordanian television by the captured terrorist leader, Abu Daoud.

Daoud himself holds, in fact, the key to the evidence that Fatah and Black September are only different names for the same organization. Black September has admitted that the Khartoum raid was an emergency mission to save Daoud and his gang from execution. It is certainly an indication of Daoud's importance that Black September was willing to give up its PLO cover in Khartoum, alienate the Sudanese government and thus lose its main base in East Africa.

But Daoud's (and by that the Fatah military command's) direct connection with Black September is also suspected. He was in Munich only two or three weeks before the massacre of the Israeli athletes and could have very well been one of the principal planners and leaders of that bloody deed.

Among the still unanswered questions about Black September is the source of its considerable funds which enable the group to train, equip and transport many terrorists to various and far-away places of the world, like Bangkok and Khartoum.

The PLO's main financial contributors are Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and Black September's association with the PLO can be deduced from the fact that, although the Khartoum attack was made on the Saudi Arabian Embassy, the Saudi diplomat's life was spared. For saving the captive Jordanian the explanation is, of course, that Black September did not want to further alienate King Hussein. This tactic paid off, for Daoud's death sentence has since been commuted to life imprisonment.

Now that the PLO and Black September have been proven identical, the possibility of further terrorist attacks depends on the Arab government's attitude to and financial assistance for the PLO.

Western security services--as last week's events in Paris showed--have apparently infiltrated Black September, and their efforts to stop murderous attacks could be more successful in the future.

The decisive factor, however, remains the Arab government's stand, not vis-a-vis Black September itself, but its parent, or shall we say commanding organization, the PLO.

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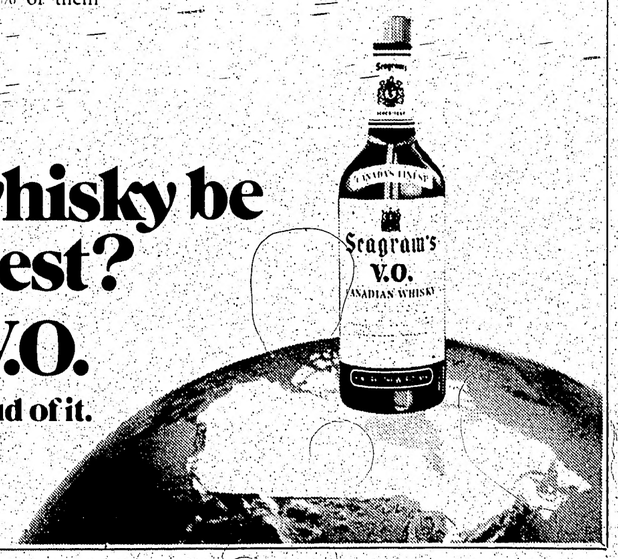

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Between 100 and 200 Falashas are now living in Israel, in the Ashkelon area or in Beersheba on the outskirts of Israel's Negev Desert. Most of them hold valid Ethiopian passports and some of them are officially new immigrants—olim Hadashim.

Informed sources in government offices which deal with immigration and citizenship state that the Jewish state does not have any immediate plans to bring the remaining 20,000 Falashas over here to settle.

One reason is that their Jewishness is still in doubt, despite Rabbi Yosef's announcement.

According to an interior ministry spokesman, a Falasha arriving in Israel and applying for citizenship under the Law of Return would be refused. If he converted—either in Israel or abroad—then he would be welcome as a Jew.

Another reason against "total mass immigration is that the influx of such a [illegible] of Black Afro-haired native Ethiopians on the Israeli society would be unpredictable.

At last the Moroccans and the rest of the North Africans would have someone to look down on instead of the Arabs," said an Israeli, who daily comes into contact with different social strata. She requested that she remain unidentified.

The Falashas are not that much different from the North Africans who were brought over here. When the Yemenites and the Atlas Mountain Jews were evacuated to Israel they too were primitive but they were not yet black.

And the Sephardi-Ashkenazi struggle is far from over. The introduction of yet another group—albeit a small one—would further complicate matters.

If the Falashas were broken up into smaller groups and dispersed all over Israel, as current Israeli policy dictates, they might well remain segregated with very little contact with their neighbors. To leave them in large communities would be against present policy and could defeat their integration into Israeli society.

So, the questions still remain and the Falasha future remains dim. Unconfirmed news reports here state that some rabbis will soon be sent out to Ethiopia to effect proper conversions on all and sundry. Then if they wanted, the main body of Falashas would just have to make an official application to be brought here, which would have to be granted.

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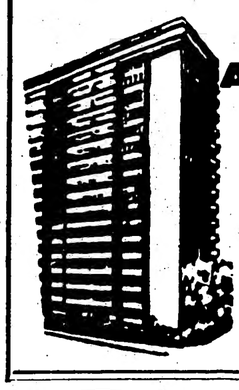

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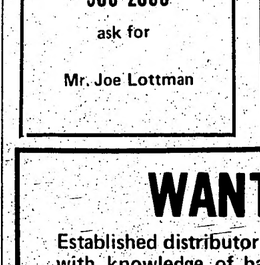

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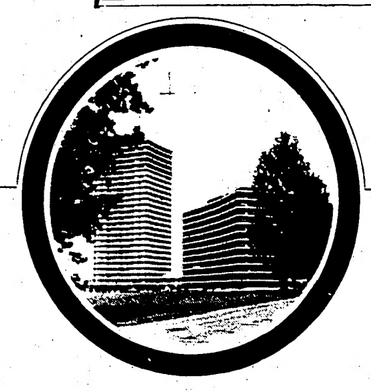

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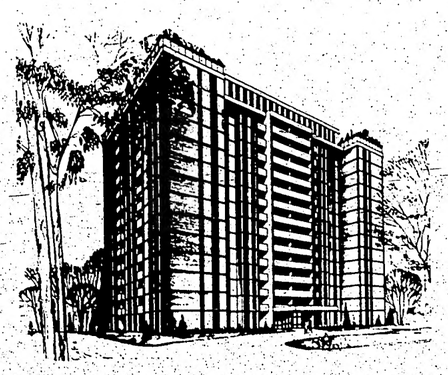

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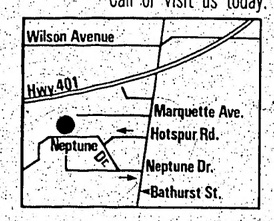

Those Sharoni Birds and the brother who married out

By HADASSAH BAT HAIM

JERUSALEM (JCNS)-

I was 16 before I discovered the secret of the Sharoni Birds. It was mother who called them that, maybe because their beady little eyes and snapping mouths linked the four unmarried sisters in a way that belied their diverse characters.

Debbie was the thin one who was troubled with wind and rumbled continuously like a distant thunderstorm. Susi, the square one, suffered with chilblains and clumped in and out in mens' slippers so that she could scratch her itching feet with her red swollen hands. Essie was shaped like a series of balloons loosely tied together and Becky's figure was very much like a sack of potatoes full of knobs and inexplicable protuberances. The four of them kept a kosher boarding-house near us.

Debbie cooked like an angel in spite of the dyspepsia that prevented her from enjoying her own creations. Susi kept the house sparkling and fresh. She could mend a fuse as well as she could iron a tablecloth or turn a sheet. Essie did the accounts and sat on the porch all day watching the neighbors. She allowed her sisters five shillings about 75 cents a week at a time when schoolgirls like me got twice that much. She despised her sisters for their virgin state--her own was never mentioned--though it was rumored that there had once been an offer for Debbie that Essie had driven off with a broom.

Becky the youngest was general dogsbody. Errand girl, kitchenmaid, boots, always on the run, target for all her sisters criticisms as much for her frizzled henna'd hair and short skirts as for her domestic shortcomings.

All the girls took a great interest in me. After my service during World War II, they found stupid anybody half smart could have got a [illegible] but my Zionist leanings were dismissed as childish romanticism that I would soon grow out of until the time came when I came to bid them goodbye on my way to live in the very new state of Israel. They were very shocked. "Not for people like us," said Essie. "You'll soon give it up." All that sand and living in tents," they said.

"I thought you'd be pleased," I teased them. "All Jews. Policemen, postmen, everyone."

"Not our kind," sniffed Susi.

Becky took me to the bus. "How's Mark?" I asked. I had surprised her one day with a letter which to my astonishment came from a brother whose existence I had never suspected. He was not in prison, or in an asylum as I had first thought, seeing her confusion. He had married "out" and gone to America. "We put on black for him," Becky had told me, "and father said we were never to mention his name again. So we never did. Father was a hard man. When a letter came from him he tore it up before we could read it. There were photographs inside. But I got the address on the back and I wrote, so mother knew she had grandchildren. All with biblical names, like us, though there's no one named for mother, Hephsibar. You couldn't expect it. But the kids write.

"Fancy me an auntie! The girls still don't know. Mark keeps asking me to come. Maybe I will one day."

She wept at our farewell. We both knew she'd never go anywhere.

I never saw the Sharoni Birds again. Raising a family on the turbulent borders of Israel, struggling through austerities, shortages, hot and cold wars, seeing the kids through school and army, made life in England like the faintly remembered dream of a distant planet. Old friendships faded. We were concerned with survival when our co-religionists were worried about where to put their second car.

Suddenly the Six Day War erupted and we were no longer alone. "Them" and "us" became "we" as hundreds of volunteers poured in. We raised our eyes from the battlements and saw we were surrounded by friends. They didn't all keep kosher at home but they made the Israeli cause their own.

"Mum," said my soldier son, "there's a smashing bird in the hall looking for you." Happily he ushered in a pretty young girl, delighted at this unexpected bonus to his 48 hours leave. "Are you looking for me?" I said.

"I think so," she said at last. "It sounds kind of silly but did you ever know a Becky Sharoni in England? She was my great-aunt."

"We certainly did," said my son, who had been brought up within her frame of reference. "She was the one with red hair and a romantic temperament wasn't she mum?"

The girl's face lit up. "Oh, yes. I know them so well from my grandpa's stories. It's as if I grew up with them. Did you know Essie too?"

"A monster," said my son firmly, drawing the girl in and sitting her at the table beside him. "Frustrated power complex of course."

They both nodded wisely in complete accord.

"She gave us your address long ago," said the girl. "I never thought I'd get to use it but now I'm on Kibbutz Gvul up on the border, it's not so far away. I thought I'd take a chance. Maybe I should have called first."

"Not at all," said my son. "Any of the Sharoni Birds are welcome in our little nest. Which branch are you by the way?"

"I'm Gideon's youngest," said the girl. "My name is Hephsibah."

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